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Otsego District Library begins summer reading program

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Summer reading programs are about more than simply giving children something to do while school is out.

They provide opportunities to maintain and strengthen reading skills, encourage lifelong learning and help foster a love of books that can last well beyond the summer months.

Those goals are at the heart of the Otsego District Library's 2026 Summer Reading Program, "Little Seeds, Big Stories: Watch Us Grow," which runs from June 20 through Aug. 1.

"The Summer Reading Program is an important opportunity to help children maintain and strengthen their reading skills while school is out for the summer," library director Andrea Estelle said. "It encourages lifelong learning, builds confidence, and helps foster a positive relationship with books and reading."

The annual program has become a staple of the community. Estelle said the library typically sees approximately 700 children and 300 teens participate each summer.

Registration for the program began Monday, June 15. Children and teens who register by Friday, June 19, will receive a signup prize, although registration will remain open through Saturday, July 11.

Participants set a reading goal, track their progress throughout the summer and then turn in completed finisher slips. Those who complete the program will receive a finisher prize bag, select a free book and be entered into drawings for several grand prizes.

Among the grand prizes available this year are Meijer gift cards valued at $100, $200 and $300, along with additional prize packages that include memberships to John Ball Zoo and Frederik Meijer Gardens, as well as an indoor amusement center package.

The program officially kicks off with the "Little Seeds, Big Stories: Watch Us Grow" Kick-Off Party from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 20.

The free event will feature a bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, craft stations, air-brush tattoos, popcorn, popsicles and opportunities for families to register for the summer reading program.

The library's theme this year centers around plants, gardens and growth. Visitors entering the library will find giant butterfly displays and a magical beanstalk installation designed to help bring that theme to life.

Little Seeds, Big Stories
Watch Us Grow!
SUMMER READING SIGNUP HAS BEGUN!
Stop by the library to sign-up before the big
Kickoff Party on Saturday, June 20 from 10 AM - Noon
Inflatible Bounce House • Inflatable Obstacle Course • Air-Brush Tattoos
Popsicles • Popcorn • Crafts • Games
PLUS: A Special Treat from Dunkin' Donuts and Planting with the Chula Vista Garden Club!

In addition to the reading component, the program features a full slate of activities for children, teens and families throughout the summer.

For younger participants, recurring programs include Nature Tales & Trails on Tuesdays, Tiny Sprouts on Wednesdays, Wild Wonders Wednesday programs and Nature Makers Science Club on Thursdays.

The schedule includes a variety of special guests and presentations, including naturalist Don Newman, magician Thomas, WOOD TV8 meteorologist Blake Harms and representatives from Abbott Farms, who will present programs focused on beekeeping and pollination.

Children also can participate in movie days, science activities, crafts, nature exploration and a foam party hosted by entertainer Joel Tacey.

Middle school and high school students have their own lineup of activities through programs such as Branching Out, Plots & Petals Book Club, Ink & Ivy Writing Club and Nature Studio.

Those offerings include watercolor painting, clay art, nature presentations, gardening activities, creative writing challenges, rock painting, woodworking projects and visits from community organizations and guest presenters.

Families also can participate in the library's Sprout & Seek Downtown Otsego Scavenger Hunt, which runs throughout the summer.

The community-wide activity challenges participants to locate hidden flowers, fruits and vegetables displayed in windows at local businesses and organizations throughout downtown Otsego. Completed scavenger hunt sheets can be returned to the library for a prize.

The library also is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair through June 27 and will offer weekly prize drawings throughout the summer for participants who attend programs and complete activities.

For Estelle, however, the heart of the program remains helping children discover the joy of reading.

"What I look forward to most each year is seeing children discover the joy of reading and become excited about reading," she said. "That is what public libraries are for — to learn and enjoy reading simply for the fun of it."

Estelle said the program also serves as an opportunity for families and friends to spend time together while taking advantage of everything the library has to offer.

"The library is also a wonderful community space where friends can meet and enjoy the space together," she said. "I often see families and friends meet up at a library program, spend some time together enjoying the library, and then head to the park for a picnic — the perfect summer day."

Throughout the summer, library staff hope the program continues to do what it has done for years — encourage reading, create connections and help young readers continue growing one book at a time.

Plainwell Education Foundation supports several initiatives in the district

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Reading initiatives, student mentorship programs, sensory-support equipment and career-readiness opportunities are among the projects that recently received funding through the Plainwell Education Foundation's Teacher Mini-Grant Program.

The program provides flexible funding for teachers and staff members looking to bring new ideas, materials and experiences into their classrooms.

According to foundation officials, the grants are intended to support creative lessons, hands-on learning opportunities, specialized materials and pilot programs that may not otherwise be possible through traditional school funding.

The Plainwell Education Foundation works with educators and community supporters to enhance learning opportunities throughout the district by investing directly in classroom experiences that benefit students.

Through the Teacher Mini-Grant Program, teachers are able to turn innovative ideas into reality while expanding opportunities for students at all grade levels.

This year's grants supported a variety of projects throughout the district, including:

Dive Into Reading at Cooper's Literacy Celebration ($610)

Cooper Elementary received funding to expand its literacy celebration from a one-month reading initiative into a three-month schoolwide event running throughout March, April and May.

Students participate in themed spirit days and shared reading experiences designed to build excitement around books while encouraging long-term reading habits. The goal is to help students see reading as something enjoyable that extends beyond classroom assignments.

Cooper Dudes Program ($398)

The Cooper Dudes program provides mentorship opportunities for students who may not have consistent positive male role models in their lives and who face academic or behavioral challenges.

Each week, students spend time with volunteer mentors through activities, games and shared lunches designed to build relationships, confidence and social skills.

Grant funding will help cover the cost of program supplies and materials.

Busy Body 1st Graders ($250)

This project focuses on providing first-grade students with resources that support different learning styles and needs.

Funding will be used to expand classroom library options, purchase educational games and add flexible seating options such as ball chairs.

Educators believe the additions will help improve student engagement, encourage cooperative learning and support students who benefit from movement while learning.

Koala's Recess Experience ($250)

Additional recess equipment will be purchased to create more opportunities for physical activity and social interaction at Cooper Elementary.

The grant will help provide items such as balls, jump ropes, chalk, bubbles, hula hoops and sand toys. School officials noted that active recess not only promotes physical health, but also helps students develop teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills.

Classroom Rug for Carpet Time ($515)

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Vehicle crashes into police cruiser near Plainwell

A deputy sustained minor injuries when his cruiser was hit by another vehicle north of Plainwell Sunday, authorities say.

It happened around 5:30 p.m. on 10th Street south of 108th Avenue in Gun Plain Township.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office said a deputy had just conducted a traffic stop and was back in his cruiser finishing up when the cruiser was hit by another vehicle.

The deputy sustained minor injuries and was soon checked out and released, the sheriff's office said.

The people in the other vehicle declined medical care on scene, the sheriff's office said.

Michigan State Police is investigating the crash. A spokesperson for MSP said no arrests had been made in connection to the crash and none were anticipated.

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Solar company meets with Monterey, Hopkins residents

By Joseph Schultz

Representatives from NorthStar Clean Energy – Allegan Solar LLC met with residents of Monterey and Hopkins townships on Wednesday and Thursday nights to discuss plans to build a solar and battery energy storage system (BESS). The solar and BESS project is the same one presented to the Monterey Planning Commission in January.

NorthStar withdrew its special use application from Monterey Township in May when it was learned that the township did not have an ordinance that would allow for a BESS project. Instead of waiting for the township to draft a BESS ordinance, NorthStar decided to apply for a special use permit from the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) under the provisions of Public Act 233 (PA 233).

PA 233 was passed by the Michigan Legislature in 2023 to help reach Governor Gretchen Whitmer's goal of 100% renewable energy production in the state by 2040. The act grants the MPSC the power to approve special use permits over the objections of local authorities.

NorthStar representative Colin Daining told residents at the Hopkins meeting that NorthStar's decision not to wait for the BESS ordinance in Monterey was due to fear that the township would craft an overly restrictive ordinance based on the site plans already shared with the Planning Commission.

In April, NorthStar failed to submit an expected special use application to Hopkins Township. The decision to not seek approval from Hopkins Township was due to NorthStar's belief that the Hopkins Solar Ordinance was not in alignment with the state requirements in PA 233. Attorney Ashley Chrysler, of Warner Norcross & Judd, told the residents of Hopkins that PA 233 did not require NorthStar to seek approval from Hopkins Township.

This did not sit well with the residents of Hopkins Township. Hopkins resident Tom Jansma expressed his disgust over not having a say in the solar project that would be built in his township, telling the NorthStar group, "We didn't get a vote."

Residents in both meetings asked many questions about the project, NorthStar Clean Energy, and the process. Here is a summary of the answers from those questions.

The Project

The proposed project would build and operate a 105-megawatt solar energy system and a 55-megawatt, four-hour BESS. It would cover 510 acres in Monterey and 40 acres in Hopkins Township. Energy produced will be enough to power about 15,000 homes.

NorthStar's representatives stressed at the start of the meetings that the generated power would be sold to Michigan businesses, and not to data centers. Later, after some questioning, representatives conceded that once they put the power on the grid, it could go to any business, including data centers.

Much to the surprise to many in attendance, it was revealed that the solar panels would not be charging the BESS. Representatives said that the two systems would operate separately, with both being connected to the grid.

The solar panels would put power on the grid when the sun is out. The BESS will store power from the grid during non-peak hours, when electricity is cheaper. Then, the BESS will put power back on the grid during peak hours, when electricity is more expensive.

As far as disaster planning goes, NorthStar pledged that should the solar site get hit by a severe storm, it would recover any debris that fell on neighboring property. However, NorthStar's representatives downplayed the likelihood of such an event ever occurring.

Should a battery catch fire in the BESS, TRC engineer Mike Butler stated that the fire department would not pour water on the fire, as it would not be effective. Instead, the fire department would monitor the site while the fire burned itself out.

If a fire releases toxic chemicals in the smoke, NorthStar will rely on the local fire department to make that determination and execute any evacuation plans that may be required.

NorthStar Clean Energy

NorthStar Clean Energy is a renewable energy company that has been in operation for 140 years and is owned by CMS Energy Corporation. Representatives stated in both meetings that they were separate from Consumers Energy. However, CMS Energy Corporation also owns Consumers Energy.

Several renewable energy projects have been built by NorthStar across Michigan, as well as several other states. The newest solar farm that NorthStar has completed is the Branch Solar project, near Coldwater.

The Process

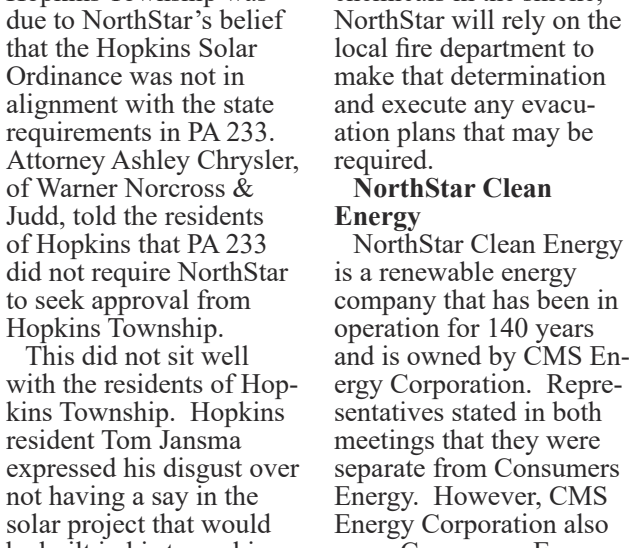
NorthStar will meet with residents in July to gather and record their feedback about the project. TRC, NorthStar's engineering partner, will complete some additional studies that the MPSC requires.

Later this summer, NorthStar expects to file its application and the completed studies with the MPSC. The public will be able to see the application and all related studies on the MPSC website www.michigan.gov/mpsc/regulatory/facility-siting/renewable-energy-and-storage-facility-siting#Current-Apps .

Commissioners on the MPSC, all of whom were appointed by Governor Whitmer, will review the application, hold a hearing, and determine from Lansing whether or not a solar farm is permitted in Monterey and Hopkins townships.

We have reached out to Monterey and Hopkins township officials seeking comment on NorthStar's decision to seek approval from the MPSC. There has been no response to our inquiries prior to publication.

NorthStar group answers question. From left to right: NorthStar representative Colin Daining, TRC engineer Rielle Walker, TRC Engineer David Disney, Legal Council Ashley Chrysler



Hopkins resident Tom Jansma address NorthStar group.

Site map of the solar project

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The History and Traditions of Father's Day

Observed each year on the third Sunday in June, Father's Day is a time set aside to recognize fathers and father figures, celebrating their contributions to families and communities. While the holiday is often marked by cards, gifts, and family gatherings, its origins are closely tied to the desire to honor the important role fathers play in raising and supporting their children.

The idea of setting aside a day to honor fathers emerged in the United States during the early 20th century, not long after Mother's Day became an official holiday. The movement is most often credited to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. Inspired by a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Dodd sought a similar occasion to recognize fathers, particularly her own father, a Civil War veteran who raised six children as a single parent after the death of his wife.

The first widely recognized Father's Day celebration took place in Spokane in 1910. Although the idea gained support in many communities, it took decades for the holiday to receive national recognition. Several presidents endorsed the observance over the years, but it was not until 1972 that Richard Nixon signed legislation making Father's Day a permanent national holiday.

From its earliest days, Father's Day focused on expressing gratitude and appreciation. Churches, civic organizations, and local communities often held special events honoring fathers and highlighting their role within the family. As the holiday grew in popularity, traditions expanded to include greeting cards, family meals, and gifts tailored to fathers' interests.

Today, Father's Day celebrations vary from family to family. Many people mark the occasion by spending quality time together, whether through backyard cookouts, outdoor activities, sporting events, or simple family gatherings. Cards and gifts remain common, but for many families, the holiday is less about material presents and more about recognizing the guidance, support, and example provided by fathers and father figures.

Father's Day has also evolved to honor grandfathers, stepfathers, guardians, mentors, and others who have played a meaningful paternal role in someone's life. In doing so, the holiday acknowledges that fatherhood can take many forms.

While Father's Day traditions have changed over time, the purpose of the holiday remains the same: to recognize the lasting impact fathers and father figures have on the lives of those around them and to express appreciation for their contributions to family and community life.

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"It Happens Here": Inside Sylvia's Place, Where Allegan County's Survivors Find a Way Forward

For nearly three decades, the county's only domestic violence shelter has offered safety, advocacy and hope — and its executive director says the community is why its doors stay open.

By Art Nicholas

She arrived on a quiet summer night and barely spoke — just enough to say she needed somewhere safe. Her hands shook through the paperwork, bruises marked her skin, and she kept glancing toward the door, as if she still wasn't sure she was allowed to stay.

Heather Forrest, the executive director of Sylvia's Place, walked the woman to her room and watched her scan the space for danger before finally sitting on the bed and exhaling. "It was the first time I saw her shoulders drop since she arrived," Forrest said. Over the following weeks, the woman began asking questions, making plans and finding small moments to laugh. When she left, she offered a single quiet sentence Forrest has never forgotten: "*I didn't think I'd make it out of that life.*"

That woman is one of thousands who have passed through Sylvia's Place, Allegan County's only domestic violence safe house. Founded in 1996 in memory of Sylvia Allen — a 28-year-old mother of five murdered by an abusive partner — the Allegan-based shelter has since provided more than 90,800 safe bednights, all free of charge, funded by private donors and local, state and federal support. Its 24/7 crisis hotline answers at any hour.

"More than a number"

For survivors here, Forrest said, leaving is rarely simple. The county's rural landscape, limited transportation and shortage of affordable housing can leave people isolated and unsure where to turn. "What may seem like simple steps — getting to work, attending court, finding safe housing — can become overwhelming challenges," she said.

Help usually begins with a call to the hotline, where an advocate offers a calm presence and lets the caller share at their own pace. If shelter is needed, staff coordinate a safe arrival, then help build a personalized safety plan and connect survivors to court advocacy, counseling, housing resources and case management. Beyond a bed, the organization offers safety planning, personal protection order support, and community education — the wraparound services Forrest says turn a moment of safety into something lasting.

She is quick to translate the shelter's 90,000-plus bednights out of the language of statistics. "Over 90,000 safe bednights is more than a number," she said. "*It represents 90,000 nights where someone who was not safe in their own home had a place to breathe, rest, and begin again.*" A night to sleep without listening for footsteps. A night without threats.

"Why didn't they just leave?"

The most common misconception, Forrest said, is that leaving is easy. "From the outside, people often ask, 'Why didn't they just leave?' We hear this more times than I can count," she said. The question, she added, overlooks the reality survivors navigate: fear, emotional manipulation, financial dependence, threats to children, and the very real danger that leaving can be the most dangerous time in a relationship. Abuse is not always visible, she noted — it is often emotional, psychological and financial control that erodes a person's sense of choice long before any physical violence appears. "*Survivors are not defined by why they stayed," she said. "They are defined by the courage it takes to survive, to seek help, and to begin again.*"

A community that shows up

Sylvia's Place's greatest challenge right now is funding stability. Forrest said the shelter has absorbed losses from corporate partners amid economic uncertainty, even as private giving has declined and federal victim-service funding grows uncertain — all while the need, and the cost of meeting it, keeps climbing.

Yet the community keeps answering. Through in-kind donations, volunteer hours, monetary gifts and events — including last October's annual Fall Festival at The Silo in Allegan, which drew more than 200 supporters during Domestic Violence Awareness Month — local businesses, churches and residents continue to invest in survivors. "What makes this support so meaningful is that it goes beyond dollars and donations," Forrest said. "*It sends a powerful message to survivors that they are not alone.*"

Everyday needs add up faster than most realize. Toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, pantry items — "they may seem small, but they are necessities we use every single day," she said. Her advice for picturing it: "*Think about what their own household uses in a week and then multiply that by six families living under one roof.*"

If she could leave residents with one message, it is that domestic violence is not a problem that exists somewhere else. "It happens here — in our own backyards," Forrest said. Survivors are neighbors, coworkers, classmates and friends, she said, and much of the abuse happens behind closed doors, leaving many to suffer in silence while appearing perfectly fine. "Every survivor deserves to be seen, believed, and supported. And that is exactly why Sylvia's Place exists — because everyone deserves to feel safe in their own home, and until that becomes a reality for every person in our community, *we will continue to answer the call.*"

How to help

Sylvia's Place serves survivors and their children free of charge from its location in Allegan. It accepts financial gifts, in-kind donations and volunteers, and maintains an Amazon Wish List and Walmart Registry of most-needed items at www.sylviasplace.com. If you or someone you know is in danger, the 24/7 crisis hotline is available day or night at (269) 673-8700.

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Community Events

Community Calendar - Week of June 15, 2026

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EVENTS TO WATCH!

Fri., June 19 – Wed., June 24, 2026: 4-H Five Day Horse Clinic. Allegan County Fair 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Fri., June 19, 2026, 6:30-9:30pm: Rollin' on the River – Rachel Brooke. Riverfront Stage Allegan

Fri., June 19, 2026, 7pm: Movie in the Park, *Moana*. Pullman Town Square 109th Ave. & 56th St. Pullman

Sat., June 20, 2026, 7am-3pm: Fly In at Padgham Field. Padgham Field Grand Street (M-222) Allegan

Sat., June 20, 2026: 4-H Sheep & Goat Show. Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Sat., June 20, 2026, 9AM: Otsego Artisan Market. TOP Riverside Pavilion, 218 N. Farmer, Otsego

Sat., June 20, 2026, 11am-5pm: Brave Art Celebrates 6 Years. Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan

Sat., June 20, 2026, 7pm: The Frog Prince. Plainwell High School Performing Arts Center

Sat., June 20 & Sun., June 21, 2026, 7:30pm: Theater in the Park. Mahan Park Pavillion, Riverfront in Allegan

Sun., June 21, 2026: 4-H Beef Show. Allegan County Fairgrounds

Sun., June 21, 2026, 1-4pm: Sundays in the Park – All Aboard Pullman!. Pullman Town Square 109th Ave. & 56th St. Pullman

Mon., June 22, 2026, 10-11am: Clean Up Event. Allegan Pollinator Garden Corner Trowbridge & Cedar Streets

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., June 17, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., June 17: Library Fun
2pm: Sing Song Family Yoga. Drop in to join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music & literacy.
6pm: Pub Quiz at Tantrick Brewing. Drop in and register a team to compete. Library cards get extra points.

Thurs., June 18, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can drop in to enjoy stories and activities.
6pm: Herbal Tea Workshop. Register at 269 673-4625 to join Haley, owner of Herbal Meadows Botanicals, for a Tea & Honey Tasting & Blending Workshop!

Fri., June 19 – Wed., June 24, 2026: 4-H Five Day Horse Clinic
Allegan County Fair 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Fri., June 19, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
6pm: Local Writers' Group. Register at 269 673-4625 to share ideas and spark connections.
6pm: Teen Tech Night. Register at 269 673-4625 to explore all types of technology.

Fri., June 19, 2026, 6:30-9:30pm: Rollin' on the River – Rachel Brooke
Riverfront Stage Allegan
Enjoy country while mixing with friends and having food and beverages.

Fri., June 19, 2026, 7pm: Movie in the Park, *Moana*
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave. & 56th St. Pullman
Bring chairs or blankets and snacks, and enjoy an outside movie.

Sat., June 20, 2026, 7am-3pm: Fly In at Padgham Field
Padgham Field Grand Street (M-222) Allegan
A great day hosted by the Allegan Airport Advisory Board starts with pancakes from 7-11am, lunch from 11am-3pm, Blessing of Planes at 9am, Skydiving at 10am, hot air balloons, Black Hawk helicopter and more. Breakfast and lunch will happen rain or shine. Other events may be weather permitting.

Sat., June 20, 2026: 4-H Sheep & Goat Show
Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Sat., June 20, 2026, 9AM: Otsego Artisan Market
TOP Riverside Pavilion, 218 N. Farmer, Otsego
A celebration of quality craftsmanship, original fine arts, and unique artisan handmade goods.

Sat., June 20, 2026, 11am-5pm: Brave Art Celebrates 6 Years
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Brave Art will host a party where artists can sell their art in the garden. If Brave Art handles the sales, the fee is 20%, 5% to the charity of the month. Or artists can bring their own set up with no spikes. Enjoy live demonstrations, music, camaraderie and fun.

Sat., June 20, 2026, 7pm: The Frog Prince.
Plainwell High School Performing Arts Center
All are invited to watch the youth of Otsego and Plainwell perform the Missoula Theatre Production of "The Frog Prince". $10 at the door and $9 pre-sale at Passiflora in downtown Plainwell.

Sat., June 20 & Sun., June 21, 2026, 7:30pm: Theater in the Park.
Mahan Park Pavillion, Riverfront in Allegan
Enjoy a beautiful evening on the Riverfront watching four stories by O. Henry and turned into stage plays by Spike Kuntez. Free. Bring a chair or blanket.

Sun., June 21, 2026: 4-H Beef Show
Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Sun., June 21, 2026, 1-4pm: Sundays in the Park – All Aboard Pullman!
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave. & 56th St. Pullman
A train-themed celebration featuring a kids scavenger hunt, *The Case of the Missing Conductor*, and activities that spark imagination and pride in local history.

June 22-28, 2026: Pollinator Week
Go to alleganCD.org for fun activities.

Mon., June 22, 2026, 10-11am: Clean Up Event
Allegan Pollinator Garden Corner Trowbridge & Cedar Streets
All are welcome to assist in tidying up the garden that is growing nicely for our pollinators.

Mon., June 22, 2026, 1pm: Dinosaur Detectives
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in to join the Curious Kids Museum to find answers to fossils and dinosaurs.

Mon., June 22, 2026, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan, MI
Try a taste from a rotating selection of food, sip and stroll the Downtown Allegan Social District (if that's your thing), and shop stores open extended hours during Fork in the Road!

Mon., June 22, 2026, 6-8pm: $-H Cloverbud Camp
Allegan Co. Fairgrounds Fair Drive Allegan
Kids 5-7 years old can come make crafts to be displayed at the Allegan County Fair. Contact Maire at mcamast9@msu.edu with questions.

Tues., June 23, 2026, 10-11:30am: Community Walk
Armintrout-Milbocker Preserve end of Thomas St. Allegan
Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the preserve with the Allegan Conservation District staff

Tues., June 23, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 can drop in for stories and activities.
1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting. Drop in and help plan special activities.
2pm: Teen Cricut Club. 6-12 graders can register at 269 673-4626 to make a name beanie hat.

Wed., June 24, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., June 24, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Didgeridoo & You. 6-9 graders can register at 269 673-4625 to learn about Australia and make instruments.
6pm: Intro to Beekeeping. Register at 269 673-4625 to learn from Kyle Ondersma about raising bees.

Wed., June 24, 2026, 6-8pm: Wine Glass creation
Thurs., June 25, 2026, 1-3pm: Wine Glass creation
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn to create a hand painted wine bottle with battery lights. Register at
https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Thurs., June 25, 2026, 8:30am-1:30pm: Allegan Co. Senior Expo
1st Baptist Church 1290 32nd St. Allegan
Register by June 17 at 269 673-3333. This is a free Senior Event with breakfast and lunch along with a Senior Vendor Fair, giveaways, workshops, health screenings, and entertainment.

Thurs., June 25, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can drop in for stories and activities.
2pm: Learn to Draw Reptiles & Amphibians. Ages 6-12 can drop in to learn from Corinne Roberts how to draw amphibians & reptiles.

Fri., June 26, 2026, 6pm: Teen Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
6-12 graders can register at 269 673-4625 to duke it out in the library stacks.

Fri., June 26, 2026, 6:30-9:30pm: Rollin' on the River – 7Dance Contraption
Riverfront Stage Allegan
Enjoy SKA while mixing with friends and having food and beverages.

Sat., June 27, 2026, 9am: 2nd Annual Swan Lake Open
Cheshire Hills Golf Course 3829 102nd Ave. Allegan
All are welcome to participate in a competition organized by the Swan Lake Store.

Sat., June 27, 2026, 11am: Jumpstart Your Genealogy
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in to work with Megan Heyl to research and organize your family history.

Sun., June 28, 2026, 8am-4pm: Allegan Antiques Market
Allegan County Fairground 150 Fair Dr. Allegan
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Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.
Cub Scout Pack 3026: Grades K-5. Call Cub Master Ron Gunter ron.f.gunter@gmail.com
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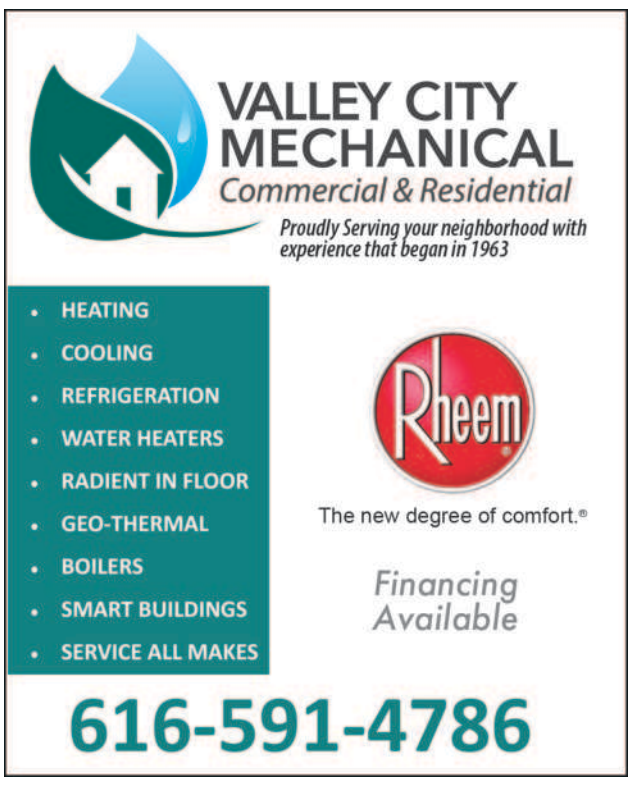

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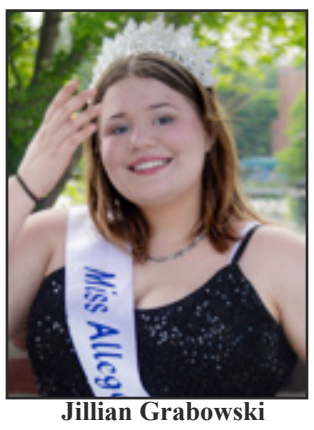
Miss Allegan Pageant crowned co-winners

By Gari Voss & Ashlyyn Pullen

Bridgefest 2026 hosted a Miss Allegan Pageant for the first time on Saturday, June 13, 2026. The girls interested had to be between 14 and 18 years old and a student at the local schools. To prepare, each contestant was to create a presentation that would demonstrate the importance of a change they would make to improve the City of Allegan. They could share visuals to enhance their presentation. In addition, each young lady presented a talent. The final element of the competition was to answer several questions regarding themselves and their community.

When the curtain went up, two girls from Allegan entered the competition. They were good friends, so they knew each other well.



Jillian Grabowski

Syra Colborn

While at the Griswold Auditorium, each contestant demonstrated her passion for the Allegan community.

Jullian Grabowski's platform was "Feeding Hope: Combating Hunger in our Community." Syra Colburn presented "Raise Your Voice, Raise Your Future," an initiative dedicated to promoting access to elementary choir programs.

During the Crowning Ceremony, pageant organizer Ashlyyn Pullen shared:

"As events unfolded, it became increasingly clear that this was not a situation of one being "better" than the other. It was a reflection of two young women who both embody the values this title is meant to represent.

Both demonstrated leadership.

Both demonstrated compassion.

Both demonstrated integrity in their words and actions.

And both showed us that their missions are not just ideas, they are commitments to their community.

After thoughtful consideration, and in recognition of what we witnessed in the process of this pageant, it did not feel right to crown one young woman over the other.

So tonight, in crowning our first Miss Allegan in many years, we are honored to do something a little different.

We are proud to crown both contestants as Co–Miss Allegan."

Motorcyclist severely injured in Gun Plain accident

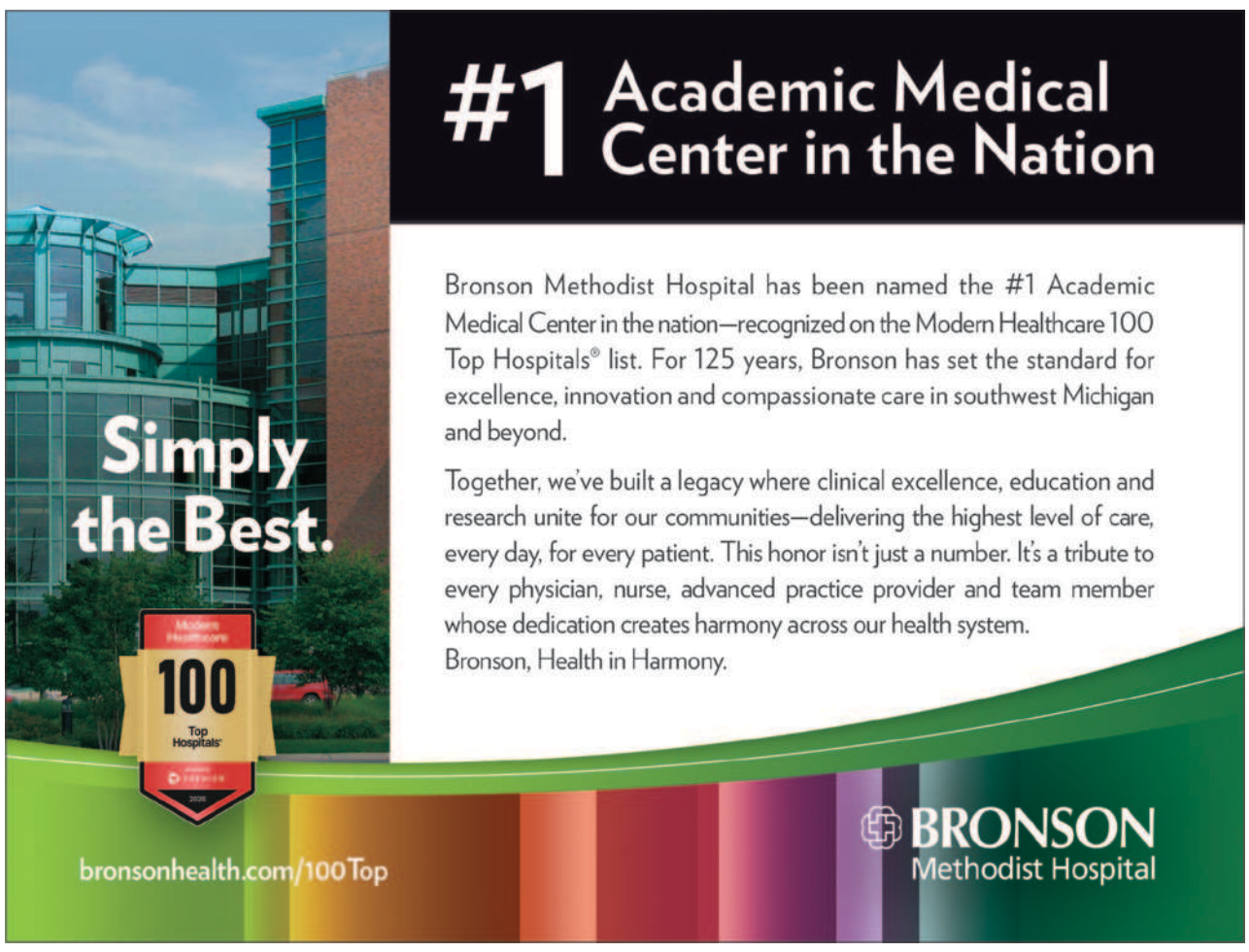
By John Raffel Correspondent

ALLEGAN - Allegan County Sheriff's Deputies on June 10 were dispatched to the complaint of a single motorcycle crash in the 1200 block of Marsh Road in Gun Plain Township.

Deputies show investigation shows the motorcycle was traveling northbound on Marsh Road when the motorcycle collided with a downed tree from the inclement weather. The 33-year old male driver sustained severe injuries and the 28 year old female passenger sustained non-life threatening injuries. Both were transported to area hospitals for medical treatment.

Marsh Road was temporarily closed between 112th Ave and Graham Rd at this time for crash reconstruction and removal of the downed tree. The roadway eventually reopened.

The Sheriff's Office was being assisted on scene by the Allegan County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction team, Wayland EMS, Martin Fire Department, and the Allegan County Road Commission.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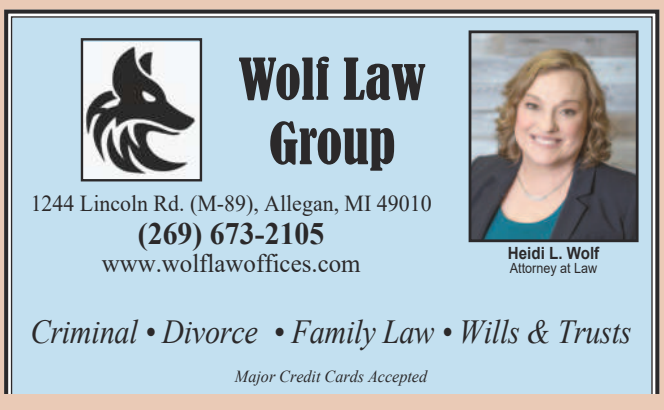
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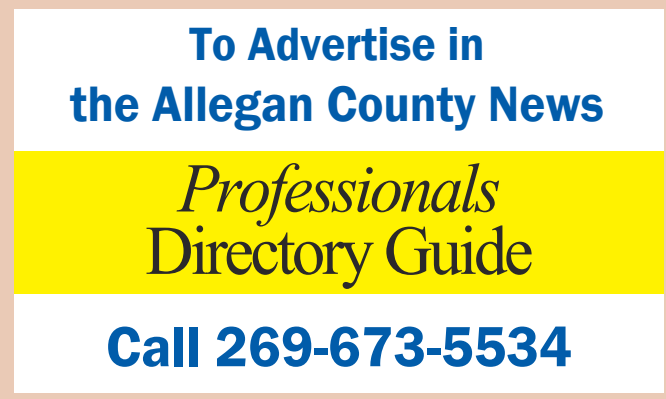

Summer Vacation for Congress? Must Be Nice

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

As millions of Americans head off to work each morning, balancing family budgets, worrying about rising costs, paying taxes, and trying to keep their businesses afloat, there is one group of people who seem to operate under a completely different set of rules: members of Congress.

The U.S. House and Senate are once again preparing for their lengthy summer recess, taking weeks away from Washington while many of the nation's most pressing problems remain unresolved.

The Senate has decided to take June 27 to July 12 off, then August 10 to September 14. The House of Representatives will be off June 11 to June 22 and then August 1 to September 14. They are back in session briefly on Sept. 1,2,3. Add it all up and both chambers are taking a six week vacation.

Consider what is currently sitting on Congress' plate and why our legislatures ought to spend more time in Washington. The national debt continues to soar past $37 trillion. Border security remains a contentious issue. Americans are concerned about inflation and the price of gas, housing affordability, Medicare, Social Security, and national security threats around the globe. Yet lawmakers will soon scatter across the country for a summer break that many working Americans can only dream about.

To be fair, members of Congress will argue that they are not truly on vacation. They will say they are meeting with constituents, attending events in their districts, and conducting official business. Some undoubtedly do.

But let's be honest. If an employee told his boss he needed six or seven weeks away from the office because he planned to meet customers occasionally, most employers would laugh him out of the room.

The average American worker receives about two weeks of paid vacation annually. Many small business owners take none at all. Farmers don't get summers off. Factory workers don't get summers off. Teachers may have summers away from the classroom, but many spend that time preparing for the next school year or working additional jobs.

Congress, meanwhile, often spends fewer than half the days of the year actually in session.

The Founding Fathers never envisioned a full-time political class. In the early days of the republic, legislators traveled long distances by horse and carriage and still managed to conduct the nation's business. Today, members can fly across the country in a matter of hours and communicate instantly with anyone on the planet. Technology has eliminated many of the logistical challenges that once justified lengthy recesses.

What message does it send when lawmakers leave Washington while major issues remain unresolved? It suggests that politics has become more about campaigning than governing.

Americans don't elect senators and representatives to spend their time raising campaign money, attending fundraisers, or preparing for the next election. They elect them to solve problems.

If Congress completed its work on time, balanced budgets, passed appropriations bills before deadlines, and addressed the nation's challenges in a responsible manner, perhaps these lengthy recesses would be easier to justify.

But that's not what Americans see.

Instead, they see deadlines missed, budgets passed at the last minute, partisan gridlock, and endless finger-pointing. Then, when summer arrives, Congress heads for the exits.

Perhaps it's time to rethink the congressional calendar. Maybe lawmakers should spend more time legislating and less time campaigning. Maybe Congress should work a schedule that more closely resembles the people they represent.

After all, the American taxpayer is footing the bill.

The next time members of Congress prepare for another extended recess, they should remember the people who sent them there—the workers, business owners, farmers, nurses, truck drivers, and retirees who don't have the luxury of simply walking away from their responsibilities for weeks at a time.

Washington likes to call Congress "the people's house."

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

One of the absolute joys of living in this part of western Michigan is the abundance and variety of birds. There are few experiences as magnificent as getting up while it is still dark to go for even a short walk. That is when we get the best opportunity to hear the birds sometimes called the "pre-dawn songsters." Robins prevail. One starts, much like a military bugler, and soon others join in. The neighborhood comes alive with song.

If you want to experience this treat, you had better hurry. Already, there are fewer voices in the trees, and soon there will be even less.

Our imagination can get the better of us when we project too much human emotion into bird songs. Despite Wordsworth's poems about meadowlarks singing because of the joy of waking up early in the morning, augmented by Ralph Vaughn William's tone poem, The Lark Arising the truth is far less romantic.

In the early spring when the birds migrate north, their first order of business is to establish their territory and a place to establish their nest. Many of our favorite birds are very territorial. Bluebirds demand about an acre to themselves. Robins keep their distance from each other. The male selects a territory and then announces his claim, first thing each morning, "Mine! Keep away! Scram!" You can see them chase one another and bitterly scold interlopers.

Ornithologists have identified different songs within each species. There is one song that they use to stake out their claim; another which the male gives fair warning not to drop by to visit his mate. A third song is to let every other bird in the area that there is a predator nearby, whether it is a hawk or cat. Or person.

By now, the birds have nested, laid their first clutch of eggs, and are too busy feeding their young to sit on a perch and sing just for fun. Not only are they busy, but they pipe down so predators cannot easily find them.

Even while they are caring for their young, they are starting to molt. Their flight feathers drop away and must re-grow before it is time to fly south. Once the juveniles are able to fly, many of our favorite birds will be planning their flight paths. One day they will simply be gone.

If we are lucky, we might be at the right time and place to see thousands of starlings join in their murmuration, often as they prepare to migrate. They fly up from their perches and begin a beautiful ballet in the sky that can last for many minutes. What makes it all the more fascinating is that no one yet fully understands why they do it, or how so many of them can move together in a small space without colliding.

Again, enjoy it while you can. That is one reason we live here.

There is also another interesting phenomenon in human-bird interactions. We seem to label birds as good or bad. Robins, most finches, house wrens, and others are, or so we have decided, good birds. We smile when we see a red-headed or a pileated woodpecker because they remind us Woody Woodpecker from the cartoon series. Never mind that of all the songbirds, robins are the most homicidal. They look so cute and sing so nicely, they entertain us by prowling across our lawns and pausing to extract an earthworm, but it is estimated that as many as 10% are killed by their own species

Opposite them are the 'bad birds,' if only in our own imagination. We admire the beauty of a hawk zipping past, but instantly change our minds when they swoop in and roll another bird at the feeder or birdbath. Very few of us feel the pitter-patter of joy when we see crackles and starlings patrolling our lawn, nor English sparrows when they eat the seeds we just planted, then make a racket laughing at us.

We do not have many charitable thoughts about cowbirds. They are the ones with a black plumage and brown heads. They look a little shady, and act like they are up to something, the way they look around before doing anything. They are lazy squatters, uninterested in building a nest or raising their chicks. Instead, they will leave their eggs in the nests of other birds and move on to do whatever it is cowbirds do the rest of the season. Another family of birds is expected to raise the chicks, even when these young interlopers start pushing baby birds out of their rightful home.

Maybe, we think, the only good thing about a blackbird is they way they taunt and harry crows, chasing them out of their territory. We might even say that perhaps the crows are getting exactly what they deserve because they are the ones who are arch enemies of owls.

Or go to any of the beaches on Lake Michigan, and you are certain to see and hear gulls and terns. They might be fascinating to watch as they scavenge the sand for something to eat or attack the trash containers. But that changes the instant they swoop in on us, or especially young children, and snatch away a sandwich.

And then there is Alfred Hitchcock's very frightening film, The Birds. The tension builds when black gulls fly into a Pacific coast village and land on power lines, trees, and buildings. Twice they terrorize the humans and leave some cuts and scrapes in their wake. The tension grows after the scene where the schoolchildren are singing an ultra-sanitized version of an old Scottish song, Risseldy Rosseldy. As the children are leaving the school, the birds attack and….. well, if you haven't seen the film yet, I'm not going to spoil it for you.

Just know that you will never see a telephone line loaded with birds, or a beach with swarms of gulls, and feel comfortable again! Scenes from the movie will come to mind.

To make matters a bit more interesting, paleontologists tell us that the origin of today's birds can be traced back to the dinosaurs. Take a good look at a chicken and maybe you can see some similarities. Or is it your imagination running away with you, and our love to categorize things as good or evil?

Just get up early some morning in the coming week and get out and enjoy the music in the trees. We don't get that sort of entertainment in January, you know. The birds provide great musical performances, and we return the favor with our imagination.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why I support Kenny Clevenger

Dear Editor:

To my fellow Republican primary voters, I want to encourage you to: one, vote in the August 4 primary election and two, strongly consider casting your vote for Kenny Clevenger who is one of 3 Republican candidates for the 20th Michigan Senate district. This district includes 15 townships in Allegan County, eight townships in Berrien Bounty, two townships in Kent County, and most of Van Buren County.

While Kenny is relatively young, he has acquired an excellent broad background to take to Lansing. By the time he was 28, he had been promoted to store manager of a nationwide big box technology chain. Having settled in Allegan County, Kenny jumped at the opportunity to purchase and operate a local laundromat. Continuing to manage employees and interact with the public, he gained the experience of being a small business owner and learned to repair and maintain his own equipment. During this time, he entered public service by being elected Casco Township Treasurer and also serving a term on the South Haven School Board. On the school board, Kenny chaired the Covid Response sub-committee which gave him the experience of dealing with Lansing bureaucrats and other officials lording mandates over school boards. As township treasurer, Kenny understands the difficulties which township struggle to fund services, fire departments, ambulances and maintain our secondary roads.

He also works with taxpayers to ensure they are in the correct class so they do not overpay their taxes. Kenny joined the Allegan County Republican party in 2016 and eventually served as the Executive Committee secretary for one term and chair of the Executive Committee from 2022 to late 2025. As chair Kenny was also elected by the other 82 county chairs to serve on the Michigan GOP state committee as Chair of the Chairs from 2023 to late 2025.

This extensive background brings Kenny great experience to consider the myriad of issues that our legislatures must discern serving in Lansing. We need people with practical real world experience!

Bennett Jamieson, Gun Plain township precinct delegate

Reader says time to retire Huizenga

Dear Edior:

Bill Huizenga needs to go.

He has voted for bills that do not represent the best interests of Michiganders. In fact, he has stated that he is proud to have voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill, which

• Raised the debt ceiling so that an additional $4.1 trillion will be added to an already huge national debt over the next 10 years. Interest payments are now the fastest growing part of the federal budget with the US spending $2.6 billion a day in interest.

• Decimated the Inflation Reduction Act by dismantling nearly all incentives for renewable energy production. Energy experts call this part of the OBBB "anti-consumer" as it raises energy costs, especially electricity.

• Eliminated tax credits for electric vehicles, which has also resulted in foreign investors backing out of building EV battery facilities in the US. Fortescue, the Australian company planning to build a large EV battery plant in Detroit, cited "recent changes to critical tax credits have created significant uncertainty around the viability of long-term investment in advanced manufacturing."

• Removed regulations that had prohibited manufacturers from being able to pollute at will, with no recourse remaining to consumers who become ill or die because of toxins introduced to our water, soil and air. "Drill, baby, Drill" comes at a very high price.

Tax cuts come at a terrible price and are very short term. When they are disproportionately lower than those in the higher income brackets, it is even worse. Get rid of Huizenga!

Leslie Ballard

Reader's thoughts on school bond tie

Dear Editor:

"Not yes, not no, The Hopkins School bond vote is a tie..." 1091 for and 1091 against, townbroadcast.com Editor, May 6, 2026.

About 20 years ago, a school Superintendent, Hector (not real name), told me, "Don, there are two schools in Allegan County like Gold Nuggets." I asked, and he said, "One is Hopkins." I remembered Hector's words and observed at events as my grandkids moved through Hopkins Schools. I also remembered Hector's words as I did some work in other schools, compared.

"A man is rich according to what he IS, not according to what he HAS."

"One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing, another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth," Proverbs 13:7

I'm over the age of 81 and have been in leadership most of my life. I know millages are emotional, either side of the 1091 count believes in their vote.

Back to Hector and what made him say Hopkins like Gold Nugget? I failed to ask, but I began making observations and made my mental notes.

In my opinion, what "IS" Hopkins School products? What principles? What Characteristics positive? Is bigger and more better? To understand Hector's words about Hopkins, you either have to live there or compare other schools and community; rich according to "IS".

I spoke to a parent who lives in Plainwell but sends their kids to Hopkins, and another living in the Wayland School District, but sending their kids to Hopkins. Both Plainwell and Wayland offer more perceived amenities; why Hopkins "IS"? Neither parent nor I can vote.

In Closing: As a young teenager, my dad gave me a pragmatic lesson, a tough, painful lesson. He told me somebody else has more, but you have to learn how to live within your means. Dad introduced me to budgets and how to discern the difference between needs and wants. Dad began paying me once a month. With that, I had to discern my needs from wants; clothing, school lunch, ride the bus or drive to school, dates and other entertainment, you get the idea. A month's cash was a lot, but I was broke by the second week. No matter how much I cried, Dad didn't budge. His lesson, a painful lesson, was/is a valuable foundation in my various leadership roles. Things are nice, but are they Wants or "IS" needs?

The millage question will be back. Think through your needs. Study your budget. Why did Hector say Hopkins "IS" like Gold Nuggets?

Oh, Hector, I chose the name because in history, Hector was the Great Trojan Hero.

Don Black
Shelbyville

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Trowbridge Dam cleanup continues

By Gari Voss

The cleanup of the Kalamazoo River above the Trowbridge Dam is back in full swing. The dredging season began the first week o f June after the heavy rains cleared the area. The PCB-laden sediment is again being removed from the riverbed and sent to the sediment processing area (SPA). The goals of the EPA are to protect human health and restore nature through environmental remediation. This requires careful monitoring from a team of environmental organizations.

Representatives from the EPA, GEI, JF Brennan, DNR, NCR, and Mannix & Smith gathered on Thursday, June 11, 2026, with members of the media to receive updates on the progress of removing the sediment that holds the PCBs released into the river by paper companies in the 60s and 70s.

"This Superfund Site goes about 80 miles and includes multiple landfills," explained Brian Kelly, EPA project manager. "The state of Michigan and the EPA have an agreement with NCR Voyix to achieve two goals. First is to remove PCB sediment from the Kalamazoo River, which at this site is about 335,000 cubic yards, or about a billion pounds of contaminated soil. Last year, they completed 90% of the work, removing 300,000 cubic yards - more than what was removed from all the other cleanup sites upriver [near Plainwell and Otsego] combined. The second is to remove PCBs from the riverbanks including constructing a pilot channel and removing the dam."

Starting in 2021, the Trowbridge Project began with the river being "mapped", cells defined and samples taken to determine the depth of the PCB-laden materials in each cell.

In 2025, the Michael B was used to hydraulically remove sediment from areas of the river beginning near the Pine Creek/Bittersweet area and working downstream. This sediment contained less than 50 parts per million PCBs. A mechanical dredging barge was utilized closer to the dam to remove sediment from cells that contained more than 50 parts per million PCBs. The dredged sludge was sent through tubes up to the SPA at the southwest corner of 32nd Street and 108th Avenue.

In the processing area, the sludge was cleared of rocks and debris then put into geobags. When the water was removed from the geobags, the now dried contents of the bags were taken to one of three landfills in the State of Michigan that can handle contaminated materials.

The Staging Area at the Trowbridge Dam site has been extremely busy during the 2025 and 2026 dredging phase of the Kalamazoo River Superfund cleanup. As the last of the dredging is completed, a temporary structure will be erected behind the existing dam, and the dam will be removed. Photo: courtesy of EPA & JF Brennan

At the SPA, not only is care taken with the contaminated materials brought up from the river, but it is also taken with the seepage water, and the air. The air is tested for dust particles and odor. If there is an indication that the dust level is too high, water is sprayed in the air to settle the particles.

The dredging of the river stopped in November of 2025 when the weather turned cold and the snow arrived. Though dredging did not continue, the weeping of the water from the geobags and the removal of bags continued.

June of 2026 provided the proper weather conditions to continue dredging. The river now has the Michael B continuing the cleanup of cells that contain less than 50 parts per million PCBs. The treatment area continues to remove rocks, bag the slurry, purify the water in the sump pool, treat the water in purification tanks, and return clean water back into the Kalamazoo River below the Trowbridge Dam.

As the dredging of the river bottom is completed, a water control structure will be constructed near the current dam so the dam can be removed. Cleaning the riverbanks will begin upstream and move downstream.

"The PCBs had not been removed from embankments because the water level had to be lowered," stated Kelly. "The water level will be lowered and controlled using the water control structure, while a curtain made of poly material will be utilized to prevent bank materials from falling into the river."

NCR Voyix will hire a company to dig a Pilot Channel, and it is believed that the digging of the channel will begin in 6-8 weeks. "There was an investigation to determine where the river was before the dam was built," pointed out Kelly. "This was the natural channel that does not have contamination. If not contained, the sediment in the current river could potentially erode when the dam comes out. So, by establishing the Pilot Channel, this will (A.) remove potentially erodible sediment, and (B.) leave a more stable channel with a more natural flow."

Kelly believes, "This time next year, people will see something that has not been seen for 100 years - a free-flowing river."

During 2027-2028, after the dam is removed, work will switch to removing PCBs from the banks. This will be followed by site restoration by the DNR in the same manner as the areas around other removed dams have been returned to their natural state. Soil barriers will be laid, then native grasses and trees will be planted.

In addition, as all of the geotubes are removed and the seepage water is purified, the sediment processing area will be returned to its natural state. That will include removing the layers of protective, high-density polyethylene liner, purification tanks and lines, and machinery.

"NCR Voyix is the company that produced carbonless copy paper, which is the source of the PCBs," began Kelly. "NCR Voyix signed a consent decree with the EPA and the State of Michigan to do the cleanup. NCR Voyix hired GEI [to provide geotechnical, environmental, and water resources services throughout the project], and GEI subsequently contracted Brennan to dredge the sediments. [In the process], the EPA contracted with TetraTech and Mannik & Smith to assist with oversight of the cleanup process. It's a large complex project that takes experts from many fields to do it right."

After the field trip around the staging and sediment processing sites, Kelly took questions from those in attendance. The burning question regarded how anyone would know if the PCBs had been removed and the river would again be safe for water sports and fishing. The answer lies in the amount of testing that is done during and after the project is completed.

During the dredging process, as each cell is dredged, samples are taken after the sediment has been removed. If a cell does not come back clear, the cell is dredged again. When water seeps from the geobags, it is treated then goes through a 3-stage purification process. Samples are taken between stages and again when the water is ready to leave the final tank. If the water sample does not pass inspection, it is routed back into the purification process. As the cleanup continues, sediment will be monitored downstream of the dam to protect water quality.

The important piece that was reiterated reminds those working on the project and those waiting for the project to be complete is that it took years for the river to reach this level of pollution. It will take time to properly clean up the contamination.

It was clearly expressed by Dan Capone, the oversight manager for Mannik & Smith, "We are not going to hurry the process just to be finished. Each cell must be cleared properly."

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Superfund Project along the Kalamazoo River or take a field trip can contact Brian Kelly of the EPA at kelly.brian@epa.gov.

Obituary

Leslie Winne

A remarkable life, hard-earned.

Leslie Winne passed away peacefully on June 15th, 2026, his 75th birthday. Born and raised in Fennville, MI, Les led a remarkable life that took him across the country and the globe. Leslie was a thoughtful friend and a dedicated father. He had the spirit of both a contemplative philosopher and a mischievous jokesterâ€" someone equally fond of pranks and late night conversations about the universe. But most of all, he had a gentle heart that will be missed by many.

By his telling Les had close to an idyllic childhood, growing up poor but not lacking amongst the orchards and lakeshore of western Michigan. Les earned advanced degrees from Michigan and Michigan State in botany and horticulture, and after college he traveled extensively through Europe and the Middle East. He told of adventures from the sands of Jordan, to the museums of France, to the gardens of royal Scotland, until finally beginning a promising horticulture career in California. These plans were cut short in 1977 when he suffered a devastating neck injury while surfing, and this changed the trajectory of his life.

Les' injury left him a quadriplegic, and he was told he would never walk again. He wiggled his big toe anyway, and from there he had a hard-fought recovery to regain about 30% of his mobility and the ability to live independently. This independence became a precious resource, which he carefully maintained by staying active. One of his favorite activities was golfing with his lifelong friend Ron, cutting up the course and having lots of laughs. He developed a new skillset in computer programming, which led to a long, dedicated career at Hewlett-Packard. He met and married his first wife Karen in 1981, and together they had three daughters, his 3 little squirrels, which was something he didn't think was possible in the early days of his injury. The family eventually settled in Atlanta, GA, where he marveled at being surrounded by trees and a new kind of natural beauty. He taught his daughters many lessons about science and the wonders of nature, about not taking yourself too seriously, and about hard work, patience, and logic. Most of all he was proud of his squirrels and wanted them to lead happy, rich lives.

Eventually, Les was looking to find love again. On a visit to Fennville in 2014, he became reacquainted with his old high school crush, Becky. In her he found the love of his life. Together they enjoyed 10 years of marital bliss, lots of pot, and soaked up all that Fennville and Atlanta had to offer them. His romance with Becky gave him renewed purpose and a newfound happiness, and he felt so lucky to have her love.

Unfortunately as time passed and more health challenges came, life became more difficult and limited. Always logical, he objectively understood the toll his old injury was taking on his body. He wanted to leave this life on his own terms and decided to enter hospice care. When he passed away, he was surrounded by the love of his immediate family.

He is survived by his wife Becky Crane, brother Ladd Winne, sister Kay Kool, half sister Kit Motter, step-siblings Carl Pandel and Chip Pandel-Carlton, and 3 daughters Stacey Yeager, Rachel Lilly, and Emily Winne and their families, nieces and nephews, and untold friends and relatives. A casual celebration of life will be held July 8th at 7pm at the Crane Orchards walnut grove and is open to anyone who would like to stop by and share stories.

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Otsego Rotary Club doing books to help fight 'summer slide'

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

As students head into summer vacation, members of the Rotary Club of Otsego are hoping a stack of new books helps keep learning going.

Through the Summer Step Up Literacy Project, more than $3,000 worth of books were distributed to Otsego Public Schools students in the final weeks of the school year.

The initiative is designed to help students maintain and strengthen their reading skills during the summer months by putting high-quality books directly into their hands.

According to district officials, the project encourages summer reading while helping students sustain the academic gains they made throughout the school year.

Research has shown that students can experience learning loss during extended breaks from school, often referred to as the "summer slide." The Summer Step Up Literacy Project aims to combat that trend by providing students with books they can enjoy throughout the summer.

District officials noted that summer learning loss can affect any child and compared academic skills to muscles that need regular exercise.

By ensuring students have access to books outside the classroom, the program helps provide opportunities for continued learning and growth during the summer months.

The project was inspired by the book No More Summer Reading Loss, which explores strategies for preventing seasonal learning setbacks and promoting literacy growth.

After discussing the community's role in supporting the reading and writing development of local children, members of the Rotary Club of Otsego chose to invest in the literacy growth of Otsego students through the Summer Step Up Literacy Project.

The effort also received support from the Otsego Public Schools Foundation.

While the books themselves are important, district officials said the project is ultimately about creating opportunities for students to continue developing as readers even when school is not in session.

Reading during the summer can help students maintain skills developed during the school year, build confidence and foster a lifelong appreciation for learning.

In a statement announcing the project, district officials expressed appreciation for the organizations that helped make the initiative possible.

"Otsego Public Schools is grateful for the continued partnership and generosity of the Rotary Club of Otsego and the Otsego Public Schools Foundation," district officials said. "Their commitment to supporting student success helps create opportunities for learning that extend well beyond the school year."

Through the Summer Step Up Literacy Project, community members hope students will continue turning pages, exploring new ideas and growing as readers throughout the summer months.

Color Run Fun

Ransom District Library hosted its second annual color run on Saturday, June 6. The event, which helped kick off the library's summer reading program, drew hundreds of participants from the community. In addition to the 5K, a 250-yard kids run and a one-mile fun run were also offered. Caleb Wesseldyk crossed the finish line first, clocking in with a time of 18:08. (Photos provided)

Plainwell ■ *from Page A1*

A kindergarten classroom at Gilkey Elementary will receive a new classroom rug, which serves as the central gathering space for daily activities such as morning meetings, story time and group instruction.

After more than a decade of use, the current rug has reached the end of its lifespan. The replacement will provide students with a clean and welcoming space for learning for years to come.

Dungeons & Dragons ($200)

Plainwell Middle School received funding for a Dungeons & Dragons program that educators say offers much more than a traditional game experience.

The tabletop role-playing game encourages creativity, critical thinking, literacy, communication skills and teamwork while also helping students develop problem-solving and social-emotional skills.

School officials described it as a structured and engaging way for students to learn while building relationships with peers.

Drive to Work Program ($600)

The Drive to Work program at Renaissance High School helps 18-year-old students obtain their driver's licenses when family support or outside resources may be limited.

Staff members assist students throughout the licensing process, from preparing for the written permit test to practicing driving skills and completing the road test.

The program supports the school's College and Career Readiness curriculum while helping students gain independence and improve access to employment and educational opportunities.

Steamroller Deluxe for Starr Room ($797)

Starr Elementary's sensory-regulation room will receive a Steamroller Deluxe, a specialized piece of equipment designed to provide deep-pressure sensory input for students who need additional support with self-regulation. Students crawl through a series of rollers that help calm the nervous system, improve body awareness and prepare them to return to the classroom ready to learn.

School staff believe the equipment will expand sensory-support options despite limited space within the room.

Cuddle Box ($550)

Another Starr Elementary grant will fund the purchase of a Boundex Cuddle Box for students in the school's special education program.

The equipment is designed to provide safe, structured sensory input for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other sensory-processing needs.

Educators say the Cuddle Box can help students regulate emotions, improve focus and increase access to learning opportunities throughout the school day.

Marketing & Communication Club — Phase 2 Expansion ($260)

Plainwell High School's student-led Marketing & Communication Club will use grant funding to expand its podcast and digital-media efforts.

The club launched "The Trojan Table," a student-produced podcast focused on student voices, school culture and community conversations.

Additional equipment and editing software will allow students to improve production quality while gaining hands-on experience with modern media and marketing tools.

Refresh of School Banners ($500)

Funding also was awarded for new school banners recognizing athletic teams, student organizations and extracurricular programs.

The displays will highlight a variety of student activities, including athletics, robotics, student government, performing arts and service organizations. School officials hope the project will strengthen school pride while providing broader recognition for student accomplishments across the district.

The grants touched every level of Plainwell Community Schools, from kindergarten classrooms and elementary recesses to high school media programs and career-readiness initiatives.

Together, the projects reflect the many ways educators across the district are working to create meaningful learning experiences for students both inside and outside the classroom.

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B SECTION

Thursday, June 18, 2026

The Allegan County News & Union Enterprise

Riverfront dazzles with activity during Bridgefest

By Gari Voss

The sky was clear, the temperature was pleasant, the breeze kept tents rippling, and visitors filled the streets and riverfront in Downtown Allegan. Organizations shared information plus games, activities and freebies. The Kids Market's products were a hit. The Arts Market offered a wide variety of items for sale. At the same time, the local businesses held surprises for customers.

Just before leaving the streets of Downtown, many took their whacks at the Smash Station car in the middle of Hubbard, Brady, and Locust Streets. Those with an athletic touch could shoot hoops with the High school players which produced some competition and a sweaty brow. Others visited the Salvage Sisters and the Fox and Bear Den for some more relaxing and much cooler activities.

Teams signed up for the Corn Hole Tournament behind the Allegan Eagles Club. Disc Golf enthusiasts were challenged by the Downtown Throw-Down Urban Disc Golf course. The Brew Hop .5K found the beer connoisseurs traveling from Tantrick Brewing to Heronmark to Schaendorf and back, just for the fun of it.

Down on the Riverfront, families were drawn to the bounce structures, plus the Friends of the Allegan Library added a dunk tank. There did not seem to be a lack of enthusiasm by people who were willing to sit on the bench in hopes of a refreshing dunk. Nor of people who were willing to tip the bench and cause a splash.

The Perrigo Splash Pad stayed active. Caregivers could be found sitting quite close in hopes of a cooling spray. But what was amazing was the town of Food Trucks that circled the interior of the plaza. For anyone looking to curb their appetite, there was something pleasing to the pallet.

Music filled the air first with canned songs then the live musicians took the stage. Tangent played from 3-5pm then Justice Hill and Nightime Love closed out an extremely full day from 7-9pm.

A new event during Bridgefest 2026 was the Miss Allegan Pageant. This began at the Griswold Auditorium at 9am. The young ladies competing were 14-18 years old and needed to show their poise as they presented a heartfelt essay and their talent to the judges. The finals were held on the Riverfront Main Stage at 6pm between sets.

Many who were regular attendees at Bridgefest over the years expressed they thoughts that this was a well organized community "party". As the evening drew to a close, the Riverfront filled with those who wanted to just enjoy the music, a favorite beverage, and friends.

The Kids Market was a popular place to find treasurers offered by young entrepreneurs.

Live music on the Riverfront Stage began with Tangent from 3-5pm and found Justice Hill and the Nightime Love closing out the evening.

Locust Street was double-line with Expo tents that offered information and activities to visitors.

Many of the Expo tents offered games and prizes to those wishing to accept the challenge.

Kids of all ages enjoyed time in and on the inflatable bounce toys.

The Splash Pad was a life saver for those who were less heat tolerant. Once it opened, there was never a moment when bodies were not running its length to either miss or catch all the spray.

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For The Record

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

June 21, 1951

Hopkins soldier's outfit earns respect: With the First Cavalry Division, U.S. Army, in Korea December 6 — 2nd Field Artillery Battalion, one of the men an Allegan area soldier, fire the 1st Cavalry Division's biggest guns and have earned an enviable reputation in UN forces in Korea.

The Allegan area artilleryman is Private First Class John D. Schreuder, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schreuder, of route 1, Hopkins.

He serves with a battalion which is equipped with huge 155 millimeter howitzers, one of the most feared of all weapons by the Communists in Korea.

Pfc. Schreuder's unit began its highness early in the war when it was one of the first units rushed into offensive accomplishment of award to cover the withdrawal of friendly troops from beleaguered Yongdon.

While United Nations troops fought to defend the Naktong River line, time and again the artillerymen of the 82nd were credited with holding back North Korean forces attempting to cross the water barrier. To do this, men of the outfit often fired as many as 2,000 projectiles a day and night.

June 17, 1976

Woman's cancer fight makes her 'one in million': Eileen Stumbo is doing something right and her oncologist has advised her to keep right on doing whatever it is she's doing right.

Mrs. Stumbo was given six to eight months to live by her physician in 1970 following two serious bouts with cancer.

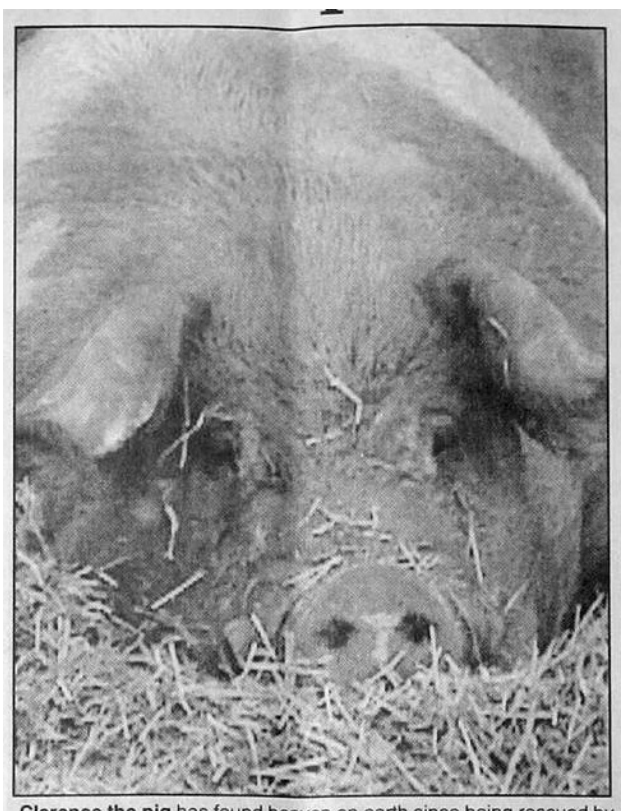
TODAY SHE'S living a nearly normal life of a housewife with her husband, Al, in a big house on Lower Scott Lake near Pullman.

Mrs. Stumbo, now in her late forties, had a radical mastectomy for breast cancer in 1968, and two years later, surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor from which few patients recover.

The brain surgery "ruined" her nervous motor control, and she has received the maximum dosage of cobalt—6,300 units.

THE MIRACULOUS part of Eileen's story is that she has not allowed all this adversity to change her life style, though she has two big regrets—she had to give up a job she enjoyed and employers will no longer give her another, and she no longer has pretty blonde hair.

Six years after Eileen Stumbo was told she had six to eight months to live, she takes care of her house and flower gardens near Lower Scott Lake in Allegan County. Below, Eileen and her husband, Al, paused for this photo in Chicago in 1970, two years after her breast cancer surgery and just prior to surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor.



Clarence the pig has found heaven on earth since being rescued by the Grateful Acres Animal Sanctuary. (Photo by Janelle Jackson)

June 21, 2001

Sanctuary owner acts on passion: "I was home," said Shannon Lents, remembering her first visit to a farm. Lents, owner of Grateful Acres Animal Sanctuary in Otsego, first discovered her passion for animals at age six. "I wanted to grow up and have a farm."

Lents grew up in the city and had little contact with animals other than dogs and cats. For much of her adolescent days she would rescue homeless dogs and cats. She became involved in the animal rights movement and became more aware of the treatment of animals in factory farming. Before long, Lents realized that she wanted to do something for the "less popular animals."

After marrying Jon Lents, also an avid animal rights activist, and discussing that path they wished to pursue to live, the Lents moved to Otsego in 1993.

"He definitely does love animals and has gone hog wild with it," said Lents.

She wishes to "if not erase, blur," the line that separates animals into two categories – pets and production animals. Therefore, Lents and her family have built a sanctuary to provide refuge for abused and neglected animals or "victims of factory farming."

Grateful Acres is made specifically to be the home for these animals for the rest of their lives. A lot of the residents are old or handicapped which makes them unwanted by anyone but the Lents.

There are two main goals at the sanctuary. The first is to give animals safety and refuge. The second is encouraging others to become vegetarian.

June 24, 2021

Jerry Masek shares his incredible rose garden: Who would believe that a hobby that began with 5 rose plants ordered from Sears and Roebuck could turn into a rose garden with 78 bushes plus other beauties? That is exactly what happened for Jerry Masek, who has multiple talents, but has turned his roses and other flowers into a weekly delivery of bouquets to various businesses around Allegan.

Masek is an Allegan native who graduated from Allegan High School in 1955.

Through his work in the high school coop, Jerry began working for the Allegan News, which was owned by John Axe. During his tenure with the News, Masek experienced the merger of the News with the Allegan Gazette when Axe bought the Gazette from Leo Hoffman, who had founded The Allegan County News and Gazette merger.

When Ron Clare of the Allegan Flashes purchased the News and Gazette from Axe, Masek was not invited to stay on as the linotype typesetter, frontpage layout person and pressman. Saying goodbye to the newspaper business, Jerry took his 17 years of work experience to manufacturing. In January 1972, he accepted a position at Rockwell International.

During Masek's employment, he also served on the Allegan Fire Department. Though he did not live in the city limits, his work was right next to the downtown station.

"I could pretty much jump out the backdoor at work into the Fire Hall," Jerry quipped. "I was proud to serve and enjoyed working with the other firefighters from 1962-1981. Before leaving, I reached the rank of Lieutenant and was secretary for the group."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Deaths

May 18, 2026

PAUL SAMUEL MOKER, 72, Laketown Twp.

May 25, 2026

DAVID KENT ROBERTSON, 85, Laketown Twp.

May 26, 2026

ROY LAWRENCE JAMES, 93, Allegan

May 28, 2026

JUDITH KAY LUBBERS, 81, Fillmore Twp.

JASON PAUL MANNON, 49, Allegan Twp.

May 29, 2026

LAURETTA JANE BURROWS, 82, Holland

May 31, 2026

WILLARD LEE JENNINGS, 92, Allegan

BETTY MAE BARBER, 94, Allegan

REX ALLEN SMITH, 52, Clyde Twp.

June 1, 2026

GARY LEE BECKER, 82, Wayland Twp.

TERRY LYNN PALMER, 70, Monterey Twp.

THOMAS WILLIAM FEIN SR, 65, Wayland Twp.

June 2, 2026

MARTHA ELIZA SIMPSON, 87, Watson Twp.

SHIRLEY ANN STEDMAN, 85, Lee Twp.

June 3, 2026

JACQUEINE DAWN WELSH, 89, Trowbridge Twp.

June 5, 2026

DAWNA LEI DZIEDZIC, 75, Laketown Twp.

LOIS EDITH NICKAMP, 79, Wayland Twp.

June 6, 2026

PENNEY MARGARET BLACK, 95, Lee Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between June 2 and June 10:

BRIAN EDWARD FEE, Allegan, and **HOLLY MARIE THOMPSON**, Allegan

JOSHUA ALLAN WRIGHT, Wayland, and **JENNIFER MARIE KLASSEN**, Caledonia

JOE THOMAS PETRIK, Douglas, and **JODIE LYNN WILLIAMS**, Douglas

TIRON LAMANE MOORE, Otsego, and **AMBER RAE JOHNSON**, Otsego

NICHOLAS JOHN BIRKHOLD, Allegan, and **JODY ANN SWINNEY**, Allegan

COLIN JAY ZOERHOF, Hamilton, and **ALYSSA SUE JIPPING**, Hamilton

ARIELLE MARIE BULTEMA, Allegan, and **PETER JOHN ORLAND STERK III**, Shelbyville

ANNABELLE MARIE WEEDEN, Allegan, and **MICHAEL STEVEN MOREY**, Allegan

KAITLYN ELYSE CALTRIDER, Allegan, and **ALEX DANIEL HOLSHOE**, Allegan

ELICIA ELLEN WEST, Plainwell, and **MARCUS WAYNE WRONSKI**, Plainwell

GRAYCE ANN SHEALY, Martin, and **NATHANIEL ELISHA MUSALL**, Martin

ANASTICIA ANN-MARIE ALLEN, Allegan, and **SEBASTIAN BERNHARD BRUCKMAYR**, Allegan

JOSHUA DAVID GREEN, Grand Junction, and **ELIZABETH ADALIA SOLIS MOORE**, Fennville

ADAM CHRISTOPHER DONALD PRICE, Allegan, and **JESSICA ROSARIO MORALES**, Allegan

SCOTT MATTHEW KAMINSKI, Dorr, and **ELIZABETH ASHLEY DIXON**, Allegan

DANA JEAN OCONNOR, Hamilton, and **CALEB MATTHEW BUSH**, Holland

JONATHON LLOYD LEFTWICH, Allegan, and **GINA MARIE HASSEVOORT**, Allegan

HUGO STAAL, Zeeland, and **JUNE E VANFAROWE**, Hamilton

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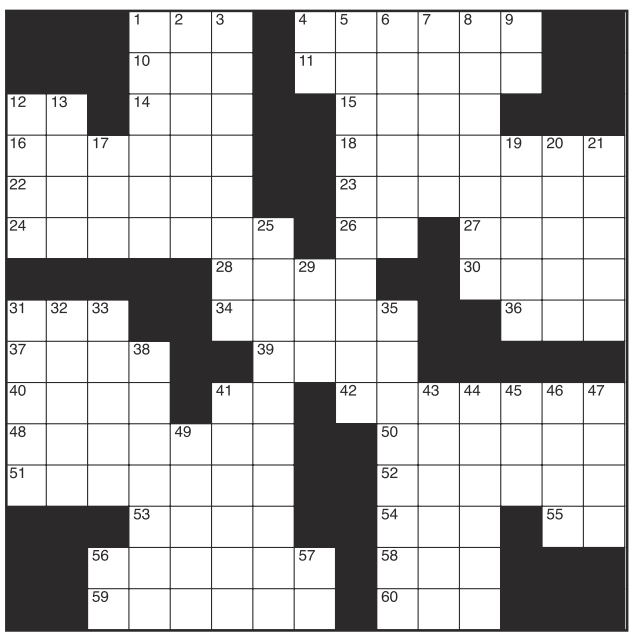
Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Similar
4. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
10. No (Scottish)
11. __ Aires, city
12. Morning
14. Senior's son (abbr.)
15. A notable achievement
16. European nation
18. Endings
22. Puts into place
23. Former
24. Grenadier
26. Sea patrol
27. Algerian port
28. Norwegian river
30. Precipitation
31. Sunscreen rating
34. New York is one
36. Patti Hearst's captors
37. Soft mineral with greasy feel
39. Retired Brazilian footballer
40. An Indian nursemaid
41. Atomic #24
42. Immobile
48. Insignia of royalty
50. Seeds from which chocolate is made
51. Begin again
52. Round root
53. Beginning to end (alt. sp.)
54. What newlyweds just said
55. Empire State
56. Give back
58. College hoops tournament
59. Unstable situations
60. Young women's association

CLUES DOWN

1. Administer a drug
2. Holy places
3. Contrary opinions
4. Blood type
5. Gags
6. Micturating
7. Silly
8. A type of 'cuff'
9. Spanish be
12. Austrian river
13. Messenger ribonucleic acid
17. Consume food
19. California supermarket
20. Electronic communication
21. Cassia tree
25. Written works
29. Cool!
31. Noteworthy 90s
32. One who was compensated
33. National symbols
35. Raising
38. A type of talk
41. Cloud
43. Middle Eastern peoples
44. Pouches
45. 007's creator
46. A cut of meat
47. Sports entertainment award
49. Christine __, actress
56. Relief organization (abbr.)
57. Canadian province (abbr.)

lawyer Kenneth

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Theater in the park on stage Saturday and Sunday

By Gari Voss

Theater in the Park is back at the Mahan Park Pavilion on the beautiful riverfront in Allegan, MI. The performances will be on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 7:30pm. Audience members are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket, purchase beverages and/or food from the local eateries, then sit back and enjoy the stories of O. Henry.

The stories were turned into plays by playwright, actor, director Spike Kunetz. Not all O. Henry stories can be easily turned into live theater, but Kunetz found several he felt would fit the stage and entertain the audience. He shared that it was not a simple task, but enjoyable. The casts have taken their characters to heart, which helps transform the audiences to a new time and place.

For those who wish to peek, the tales will be "A Lickpenny Lover," "The Cop and the Anthem," "Springtime a la Carte," and "A Retrieved Reformation."

These productions are free. If the weather turns stormy, the plays will be at the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St, Allegan.

Wayland Union Schools is recognized as MI HEARTSafe

Wayland Union Schools is proud to announce that all district school buildings have earned the renewal of the prestigious MI HEARTSafe School Award for the 2025-2026 school year. This designation recognizes schools that demonstrate exceptional preparedness for cardiac emergencies and a commitment to preventing Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (SCDY).

The MI HEARTSafe School program recognizes schools that have implemented comprehensive measures to respond effectively to cardiac emergencies. Staff and community members are trained to recognize the signs of cardiac arrest and take immediate action by calling 9-1-1, administering CPR, and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) until emergency medical services arrive. The HEARTSafe designation remains in effect for three school years.

District School Nurse Sarah Sharp played a key role in guiding the district through the certification process. "This award is given to schools that demonstrate preparedness to respond to cardiac emergencies," Sharp said. "Schools eligible for this recognition must maintain a majority of CPR-certified staff and coaches, implement a detailed cardiac emergency response plan, and ensure life-saving equipment is readily available throughout their campuses."

To qualify for the MI HEARTSafe School Award, schools must meet rigorous standards, including maintaining a written Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) that is reviewed annually with staff, establishing a Cardiac Emergency Response Team (CERT) with current CPR/AED certifications, and ensuring trained personnel are available during both school hours and extracurricular activities. Additional requirements include maintaining accessible and properly functioning AEDs, meeting CPR/AED certification benchmarks among staff and coaches, and conducting at least one cardiac emergency response drill or simulation each year.

At Pine Street Elementary, Principal Robyn Robinson emphasized the importance of preparation and training. "Student and staff safety is one of our highest priorities at Pine Street Elementary," Robinson said. "Through CPR training, medical emergency response drills, and access to AEDs, we are creating a safer environment where everyone is better equipped to respond during a cardiac emergency. We are honored to be recognized as a HEARTSafe School."

Dorr Elementary Principal Andrew Augustin echoed that commitment. "Becoming a HEARTSafe School demonstrates our commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for every student, staff member, and visitor who enters Dorr Elementary," Augustin said. "Through emergency preparedness, access to life-saving equipment, and ongoing staff training, we are better equipped to respond when seconds matter most. These efforts strengthen our ability to protect our school community and provide peace of mind to families, knowing that student safety remains a top priority. We are proud to be recognized as a HEARTSafe School and to continue fostering a culture where health, safety, and well-being are at the forefront of everything we do."

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Teresa Fulk noted that the recognition reflects the dedication of district staff. "One of the things that makes Wayland Union Schools special is that our staff genuinely care about our students and one another," Fulk said.

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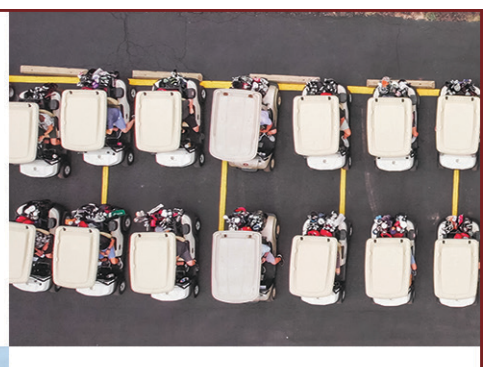

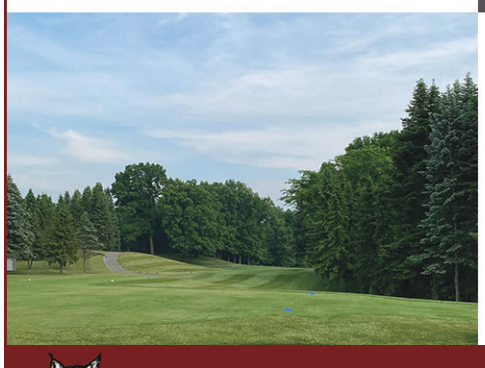

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Students sang and danced during the audition for he Frog Prince" that will be performed on Sat., June 20, 2026, at 7pm on the Plainwell High School Performing Arts Center stage. Tickets are $10 for general admission. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased for $9 at Passiflora in downtown Plainwell. Photo: Cathy Green

Frog Prince actors prepare for their June 20th opening

By Gari Voss

Students in grades 1st through 12th from Otsego and Plainwell schools gathered at the Plainwell High School Performing Arts Center to audition for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Frog Prince" on Monday, June 15, 2026. Auditions found the young thespians singing and dancing while the Theatre's production team worked to sort out cast members. The students will rehearse all week and open their production on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 7pm on the Plainwell High School Performing Arts stage.

"These are amazing productions," explained Cathy Green, Arts Council representative. "The Missoula Children's Theatre comes on Sunday with their Little Red Truck full of scenery, props, and costumes. Their two directors and production team audition the children and run rehearsals. Amazing things happen in one week when this production is pulled together culminating in a phenomenal production."

The Plainwell Arts Council is grateful to Charles and Betsy Hill, whose donor advised fund with the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) assists in making these productions possible.

The production will be June 20, 2026, at 7pm in the Plainwell High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets at the door are $10 for general admission. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased for $9 at Passiflora in downtown Plainwell.

Padgham Field Fly In welcomes all modes of transportation

By Gari Voss

The fields around Padgham Field on Grand Street in Allegan, MI will be full of all types of transportation when planes, cars, emergency vehicles, and maybe even a helicopter or two arrive for the Fly In / Car Show on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

The Show begins at 7am with the Lions Club of Allegan serving breakfast until 11am in the Maintenance Hanger. At 9am, all can gather for the Blessing of the Airplanes. At 10am, the Skydiving Event will begin. The Lions will transition to lunch at about 11am and serve until 3pm.

During the day, visitors can enjoy the car show, take helicopter rides with MyFlight Helicopter Tours, explore EMS service vehicles, converse with Hot Air Balloon pilots, and explore planes of all types.

If not on a mission or called into service, there may be an Air National Guard Black Hawk helicopter and/or the Beacon Allegan Hospital response helicopter.

The Lions Club breakfast and lunch will be served no matter the weather, but organizers caution that some of the Static Displays will be available on a weather permitting basis. Padgham Field has a rich history that goes back to the 1930s and 40s. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the upgrades and amenities it offers to today's pilots.

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Larsen, Jr., single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northern Mortgage Services, LLC., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2021 and recorded August 23, 2021 in Liber 4661, Page 849 Allegan County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded May 18, 2026 in Liber 5138, Page 801 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty and 95/100 Dollars ($232,380.95).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 2, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Dorr, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 1, Hidden Forest Estates No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Page 9, Allegan County Records.Also, commencing at the Southwest corner of said Lot 1, Hidden Forest Estates No. 1; thence South 89 degrees 25'52" East 117.0 feet along the South line of said Lot; thence South 00 degrees 51'52" West 50.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25'52" West 117.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51'52" East 50.0 feet to the place of beginning, being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 4 North, Range 12 West.

1678 Slater Ave, Dorr, Michigan 49323

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Dated: May 28, 2026
File No. 26-004359
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(05-28)(06-18)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $188,451.28

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records

Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 28, 2026

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christopher Vern Sparks, a single man and Peggy Ann Sparks, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 29, 2024 Recorded on May 7, 2024, Liber 4941, on Page 130, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Northpointe Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and 78/100 Dollars ($163,715.78) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at a point in the center of the Highway leading from Plainwell to Silver Creek, where the 1/4 line running North and South through the center of Section 34 intersects said Highway; thence North on said 1/4 line 68 Rods (1122 feet) to the 1/8th line; thence East 28 Rods (462 feet) on said line; thence South 80 Rods (1320 feet) parallel with said 1/4 line to the center of the above named Highway; thence Northwesterly along the center of said Highway to the place of beginning. EXCEPT a parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at a point in the center of the Highway leading from Plainwell to Silver Creek where the 1/4 line running North and South through the center of Section 34 intersects said Highway; thence North 12 Rods (198 feet) on the 1/4 line; thence East 7 Rods (115.5 feet) parallel with said Highway; thence South parallel with said 1/4 line to the center of said Highway; thence Westerly in center of said Highway to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 487 Riverview Dr, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Northpointe Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 7/2/2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Rachael Rodriguez-Luna. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Colony Mortgage Corp. Date of mortgage: 4/26/2024. Mortgage recorded on 4/29/2024 as Document No. 2024006346, in Liber 4938, Page 902. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $395,669.19 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF SAUGATUCK. LOT 18 OF RAVINE ACRES NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 13 OF PLATS, PAGE 68, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 6855 Dale Ct, Fennville, MI 49408. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 05/28/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00319

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald Manske Sr. and Briana Manske, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Change Lending, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2023 and recorded June 28, 2023 in Liber 4867, Page 330 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Change Lending LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Ninety-Four and 80/100 Dollars ($534,094.80).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 16, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Wayland, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5, Frederick J. Nowlen Plat, Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 98.

2560 Seymour Drive, Shelbyville, Michigan 49344

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Dated: June 4, 2026
File No. 26-005302
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(06-04)(06-25)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on July 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Dottie Lynn Grauman and William Jay Grauman. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp. Date of mortgage: 9/4/2008. Mortgage recorded on 9/10/2008 as Document No. 2008017764, in Liber 3261, Page 266. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee of CFMT 2024-R1 Trust. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $106,081.65 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MI LOTS 12, 13, AND 14, SOUTH SIDE EVERGREEN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 6 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 2985 Oak Tree Ln, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 06/04/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00335

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DORR TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
MAY 28th, 2026, 7:00 pm
1683 142nd AVE. DORR, MI. 49323
(616) 681-9874

1. Attendance: Miling, Sewers, Reitz, Champion, Schaendorf, Tuinstra, Weber.

Reports: Police, Planning Commission, Library, Parks, DBA.

2. Approval of Minutes and Invoices
3. Action Items:
   A. KCDPW Rezone (Kent County Dept. Public Works.) Denied.
   B. Township Letterhead. Carried.
   C. Planning Commission Meeting Pay. Postponed.
   D. Amend Park Rental Agreement. Carried.
   E. Appointment to the ZBA. Carried.
   F. Hosting Of Data Center Education Seminar. Carried.
   G. Summer Tax Collection for Wayland Union Schools. Carried.

Adjourned 9:39

SUMMARY

Otsego Township
June 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Gudith.

Members Present: Gudith, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Rose, Moll, Burns, Bumgart.

Members Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approved minutes from the May 11th regular meeting.

Approved bills in the amount of $78,788.47.

Approved the holiday policy revisions as presented.

Approved the distribution of the Master Plan.

Approved the purchase of a 250-year celebration banner or flag.

Approved the renewal of the MTA Dues and Premium Pass online learning subscription.

Adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Submitted by Jen Colin, Otsego Township Clerk.

Notice of Budget Hearing

The Allegan District Library Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 during a Special Board Meeting on Friday, June 26, 2026 at 1:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Carnegie Room at the Allegan District Library, 331 Hubbard St, Allegan MI, 49010. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection upon request. Please call 269-673-4625 with questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of the Allegan County Treasurer,
Sally L. Brooks Qualifying Income Limit To Defer Summer Property Taxes

Impacts senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities The Michigan General Property Tax Act has been amended to allow certain citizens, including senior citizens, veterans, and persons with disabilties, to defer their summer property taxes if they have a household income below $40,000.

To qualify for the deferement under the qualifying income limit, a resident must meet one or more of the following conditions as defined by the State Income Tax Act 211.51:

- Is a totally and permananently disabled person, blind person, paraplegic, quadriplegic.
- Eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower.
- Is 62 years of age or older, including the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 or older at time of death.

Residents who believe they qualify and wish to defer their summer property taxes can obtain an Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes from the treasurer of their local property tax collecting unit. Collection of the approved deferred taxes will be delayed until the winter property taxes are due.

If you need the phone number of your local Treasurer, please contact my office at 269-673-0260 or visit www.allegancounty.org

Sally L. Brooks, Allegan County Treasurer

Resolution

to Proceed with
Improvements to Hutchins Lake

At a special meeting of the Hutchins Lake Board held at 5:00 pm on June 11, 2026 at Clyde Township Hall, 1679 56th Street, Fennville, Michigan.

PRESENT: Brad Lubbers, Randy Vogelzang, Chris Machiela
ABSENT: Dominic Grear

The following resolution was offered by member Machiela and seconded by member Vogelzang.
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the improvement program for Hutchins Lake; and
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Hutchins Lake Board to proceed with implementation of a five-year improvement program consisting of aquatic plant control, lake management consulting, water quality monitoring, and contingency for Hutchins Lake with an annual budget of $33,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lake Board hereby determines that the proposed improvements are practical, and it confirms its intent to proceed with the improvements.
2. The Lake Board hereby approves the lake improvement plan and the estimate of costs for the improvements.
3. This resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Allegan County. The project shall not, thereafter, be subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after publication.

ADOPTED:
AYES: 3
NAYS: 0
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN) ss
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN)

I, Randy Vogelzang, secretary of said Hutchins Lake Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the lake board at a meeting held on June 11, 2026.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this 11th day of June, 2026.

Randy Vogelzang, Secretary
Hutchins Lake Board

Public Notices

Original Mortgagee: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture Date of mortgage: April 10, 2009 Recorded on April 23, 2009, Book # 3318 on Page # 385. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and 99/100 ($144,611.99) Mortgaged premises: Located in the Township of Watson, Allegan County and described as: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATSON, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN AND STATE OF MICHIGAN TO WIT: COMMENCING 24 RODS W OF THE SE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 1, T2N, R12W, AS A POB; THENCE W 11 RODS, THENCE N 22 RODS, THENCE E 11 RODS, THENCE S 22 RODS TO THE POB . Commonly known as 1271 122nd Avenue Hopkins MI 49328 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961 pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Please be advised that the trustee will require any entity or trust bidder at this trustee's sale to provide beneficial ownership information, documentation, and written certification as required under FinCEN's Anti-Money Laundering Regulations for Residential Real Estate Transfers, effective for transfers to covered transferees closing on or after March 1, 2026. This requirement applies where the purchaser is a legal entity (including an LLC, corporation, or partnership) or a trust, and the transfer is not financed by an institutional lender subject to existing anti-money laundering requirements. The required information and certification must be provided to the trustee prior to issuance of the trustee's deed upon sale. No trustee's deed will be issued for a covered transfer until all required FinCEN information has been received and certified. Additional information regarding these regulations and required transferee disclosures can be found at: https://www.fincen.gov/rre and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. ALAW 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 221-4743 26-005602

(06-04)(06-25)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, July 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James A. Laux, A Married Man to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 2014, and recorded on August 18, 2014, in Liber 3858, Page 910, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 21, 2015 and recorded August 25, 2015 in Liber 3957, Page 153, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and 70/100 ($67,289.70) including interest at the rate of 4.37500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Clyde, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 344.0 feet North of the South 1/8 post of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan; Thence continuing North 208.71 feet; Thence East 417.42 feet; Thence South 208.71 feet; Thence West 417.42 feet to the place of beginning. Also commencing 344 feet North of the South 1/8 post of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan; Thence East 417.42 feet to the place of beginning of this description; Thence North 208.71 feet; Thence East to Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad right of way; Thence Southerly along said railroad right of way to a point 344 feet North of the South Section line; Thence West to beginning. Commonly known as: 1823 57TH ST, FENNVILLE, MI 49408 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 4, 2026 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00069-2

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 26-71775-CZ and JUDGE Hon. Emily W. Jipp
Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone no.
Watson MHC, LLC
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no
Cory T. Carr (P87070)
Thomson, Parker, Beer & Lindsey, PLC
405 S. Jackson St., PO Box 450
Jackson, MI 49204-0450
517-787-8570
v
Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.
Kevin Eugene Christopher
And David Lee Fultz
11362 E.M 89, Lot 87
Otsego, MI 49078
THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon the defendant, Kevin Eugene Christopher and David Lee Fultz cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and anopportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
d. Other: 3-week publication in the allegan County News.
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
6/1/26
Emily W. Jipp P-80894
6-11 6-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 6. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Leroy Vander Ploeg and Kay Ellen Vander Ploeg, husband and wife, to Oak Street Mortgage LLC, dated August 26, 2003, and recorded September 15, 2003 in Liber 2552 Page 905 in Allegan County records, Michigan, and Affidavit of Scrivener's Error Correcting Legal Description of Mortgage, dated October 22, 2025 and recorded on October 22, 2025 in Liber 5080 Page 121 and assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 19, 2004 in Liber 2660, Page 73,and Affidavit to Correct Legal Description in Assignment of Mortgage, dated December 18, 2025, recorded on December 19, 2025 in Liber 5097 Page 920, and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, solely as Trustee of NRZ Pass Through Trust X by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 20, 2019 in Liber 4345, Page 49 and assigned to MTGLQ Investors, LP by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 6, 2020 in Liber 4419, Page 275 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, As Trustee of the Chalet Series III Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 17, 2020 in Liber 4423, Page 485 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, As Trustee of the Cabana Series III Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 31, 2020 in Liber 4427, Page 644 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, National Association as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series VI Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 23, 2025 in Liber 5035, Page 610 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three and 68/100 dollars ($59,133.68). Said premises are situated in the City of WAYLAND, County of ALLEGAN, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: The West 440 feet of the North 990 feet of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Property Address:3095 4th Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348 Parcel No.: 24-014-016-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: June 25, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2601010 - Vander Ploeg, Estate of Robert Leroy - EM

(06-25)(07-16)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brian J. Kirk, a married man

Original Mortgagee: Member First Mortgage, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: May 31, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 5, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $55,739.40

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 6, Bridges Acres, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page 19, Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 330 12th St, Plainwell, MI 49080-1117

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: June 11, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(06-11)(07-02)

Meeting Synopsis

Heath Township Board Meeting. June 8, 2026
3440 M-40 Hamilton, MI 49419.
Heath Township Hall

Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Jones, M.Harvey, Smith, Boerman, B.Harvey

Items approved:
1. Minutes from the May 11, 2026 and May 14, 2026 meeting.
2. Truth in Taxation resolution.
3. Zoning Text Amendment for Shipping Containers.
4. Increase Township credit card limit.
5. Hamilton Scout Troop to place holiday flags 3 times per year in front yard.
6. Move a monument in Brookside Cemetery.
7. Township checks #17473-17494.
8. Meeting to adjourn at 7:41 pm.

Prepared by Clerk Missy Harvey. Approved by Supervisor Ron Jones

NOTICE

OF ADOPTION AND POSTING OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Heath Township Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the Heath Township Board held on June 8, 2026, amending the Heath Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment is to take effect on June 30, 2026, provided that this effective date shall be extended as necessary to comply with the requirements of Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. A summary of the regulatory effect of the amendment is as follows.

The text amendment proposes to add a definition of Shipping Containers to Section 3.02 – General Definitions, which are generally defined as a metal container originally designed to ship, store, or handle bulk goods or items by rail car or ship. The text amendment also proposes to add Section 16.10A – Shipping Containers as an Accessory Use to allow shipping containers as an accessory use in the Agricultural Zoning District, Rural Estate Zoning District, and the Industrial Zoning District, and to regulate their location, setbacks, area, height, color, number, removal, and prohibit stacking.

A copy of the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance has been posted and can be purchased or inspected at the Heath Township Hall, 3440 M-40, Hamilton, MI 49419, (Phone 269-751-2403), between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and has been posted on the Township website at www.heathtownship.net.

Dated: June 8, 2026
Missy Harvey, Clerk
Heath Township

Notice

of Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll
For Improvements to Hutchins Lake

TAKE NOTICE that the Hutchins Lake Board has confirmed a Special Assessment Roll for improvements to Hutchins Lake. The Special Assessment Roll in the amount of $165,000 has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of aquatic plant control, lake management consulting, water quality monitoring, and contingency over a five-year period to begin in 2027 and continue through 2031. Said Special Assessment Roll and all assessments thereon are final and conclusive unless attacked in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of this notice.

This notice is being published pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

Hutchins Lake Board Allegan County, Michigan

ALLEGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 22, 2026, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Administration Building, 550 Fifth St, Allegan, Michigan, the Board of Education of Allegan Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2026-2027 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2026-2027 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2026-2027 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administration Building, 550 Fifth St., Allegan, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Amanda Nash
APS Board of Education Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF SALEM

NOTICE OF
BUDGET HEARING

The Salem Township Board will hold a public hearing on the continuation of the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2026-27 at Salem Township Hall, 3003 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Allegan County MI on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the budget will be the subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township office as of June 12, 2026.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1975 as amended (Open Meeting Act). MCLA 41.72 a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Salem Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 6-day notice to the Salem Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the Salem Township Board by writing or calling the following: Salem Township, P.O. Box 49, Burnips, MI 49314 or (616)896-9857.

Renee Busscher, Salem Township Clerk

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory J. Giniel II, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for OCMBC, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2022 and recorded November 1, 2022 in Liber 4812, Page 644 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Brighthouse Life Insurance Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Million Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four and 76/100 Dollars ($1,263,574.76).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 16, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Casco, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot(s) 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 5, Plat of Beverly Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 1.

7258 Beverly Drive, South Haven, Michigan 49090

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Dated: June 11, 2026
File No. 26-004985
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(06-11)(07-02)

ST ATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 26-66295-GA
In the matter of
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: all Children of Pamela Buitendorf-Drew
whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 16 at 9:30am at allegan COunty Probate Courtroom before Judge Clearwater P74848 for the following purpose: of a petition for appointment of Guardian.
June 15, 2026
Tammy Kerr
3191 Beach Trail Drive
Saugatuck MI 49453
616-218-0873

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: BRIELLE SKYE LACOURSE has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 AT 10:15 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: BRIELLE SKYE LACOURSE to BRIELLE SKYE HURSE
and
KYLIE MARESA ROCHA to KYLIE MARESA HURSE

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: GRAYSON JAY SCHOUW has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 AT 9:00 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: GRAYSON JAY SCHOUW to GRAYSON JAY RIENSTRA

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66285-DE
ESTATE OF JOHN ALFRED SMALLWOOD
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: the decedent, John Alfred Smallwood, died April 24, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Samantha Crowl, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date of Publication: 6-18-26
Samantha Crowl
Personal Representative
6012 Eastman Avenue
Midland, Michigan 48640
989-495-2555

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66133-DA and JUDGE HON. JOLENE A. CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Sally V. Wauchope Date of Birth:*09/23/1946
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sally V. Wauchope, died 01/17/2026 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Keith A. Klingenberg, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
June 8, 2026
Michael S. Dantuma P45174
2090 Celebration Drive, N.E., Suite 202
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 447-9610
Keith A. Klingenberg
4076 Fiddlers Way
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 252-9100

Notice to Creditors
Estate of Glenn I. Klopfer
Date of Birth: March 31, 1943
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Glenn I. Klopfer, of 280 West 40th Street, Holland 49423, Allegan County, Michigan died February 15, 2026.
Creditors of Glenn I. Klopfer are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Kathryn Klopfer, Trustee of the Klopfer Family Protection Trust, u/a/d August 2, 2016, care of Carrier Law, P.C., 4965 East Beltline Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
May 13, 2026
David L. Carrier P41531
4965 East Beltline Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 361-8400
Kathryn Klopfer
11377 Stonehedge Drive
Holland, MI 49424

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66258-DE and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Michael James Russell, Deceased Date of Birth:*5-1-1956
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Michael James Russell, died 4-5-26 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Patrick Russell, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
6-14-26
Michael Patrick Russell
32272 88th Ave.
Lawton MI 49065

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(06-18)(07-09)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 06, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Scott Huizinga, single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: May 1, 2019 Recorded on May 6, 2019, Liber 4341, on Page 187, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Four and 72/100 Dollars ($216,604.72) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: The West 30 acres of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 Section 28, Town 3 North, Range 12 West, Hopkins Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly known as 1934 128th Ave, Hopkins, MI 49328 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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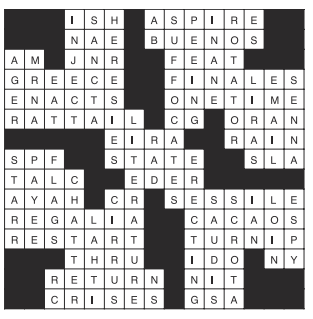

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TOWNSHIP OF WAYLAND

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of Wayland Township will hold a public hearing and meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayland Township Hall, 1060 129th Avenue, Shelbyville, Michigan 49344, within the Township, to consider the following text amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance that accomplish the following:

1) To amend the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance to revise Section 3.49 – Solar Energy Systems (Subsection g. – Solar Farms) to revise requirements related to applications, setbacks, screening, decommissioning, administration costs, and removal cost guarantees and add requirements related to ground cover, land clearing, lighting, sound, host community agreements, and complaint resolutions.

2) To amend the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 3.50 – Off-Site Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to provide definitions and establish requirements related to applicability, development standards, installation and operations, decommissioning, host community agreements, complaint resolutions, application and review.

3) To amend the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 3.51 – On-Site Battery Energy Storage Systems to establish requirements related to location, lot coverage, setbacks and permitting.

4) To amend the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 13.03 – Uses Requiring a Special Land Use Permit (I-1 District) to add Subsection z) Off-Site Battery Energy Storage Systems.

5) To amend the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance to add a temporary moratorium on considering applications for Data Centers; to research the impacts of data centers; to allow the Wayland Township Planning Commission to complete a study of the Township Zoning Ordinances and regulations, and to possibly implement text amendments; to allow for public input; to set a term for the moratorium and to allow for an extension of the moratorium.

6) Such other and further matters as shall lawfully come before the Planning Commission.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that anyone interested in reviewing the proposed ordinance amendment(s) noticed herein may request to examine a copy of the same by contacting the Wayland Township Clerk at the address, email address or telephone number provided below. A copy of the proposed amendment(s) is available for public inspection on the Township's website: https://waytwp.org. The Planning Commission reserves the right to make changes to the proposed ordinance at the meeting and prior to making a recommendation to the Township Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received at the office of the Township Clerk, Bob Fryling, 1060 129th Avenue, Shelbyville, Michigan 49344, within the Township at any time during regular business hours of regular business days until 4:00 p.m. on the date of said hearing, and will further be received by the Planning Commission at the time of said hearing. Comments may also be emailed to the Township Clerk at clerk@waytwp.org.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days' notice to the Wayland Township Clerk of the need for the same. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing or by calling the Clerk at the Township Hall.

All persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to participate in discussion on the above.

WAYLAND TOWNSHIP
Bob Fryling, Clerk
1060 129th Avenue, Shelbyville, Michigan 49344
(269) 651-8620
https://waytwp.org/
clerk@waytwp.org

RELIGION SECTION

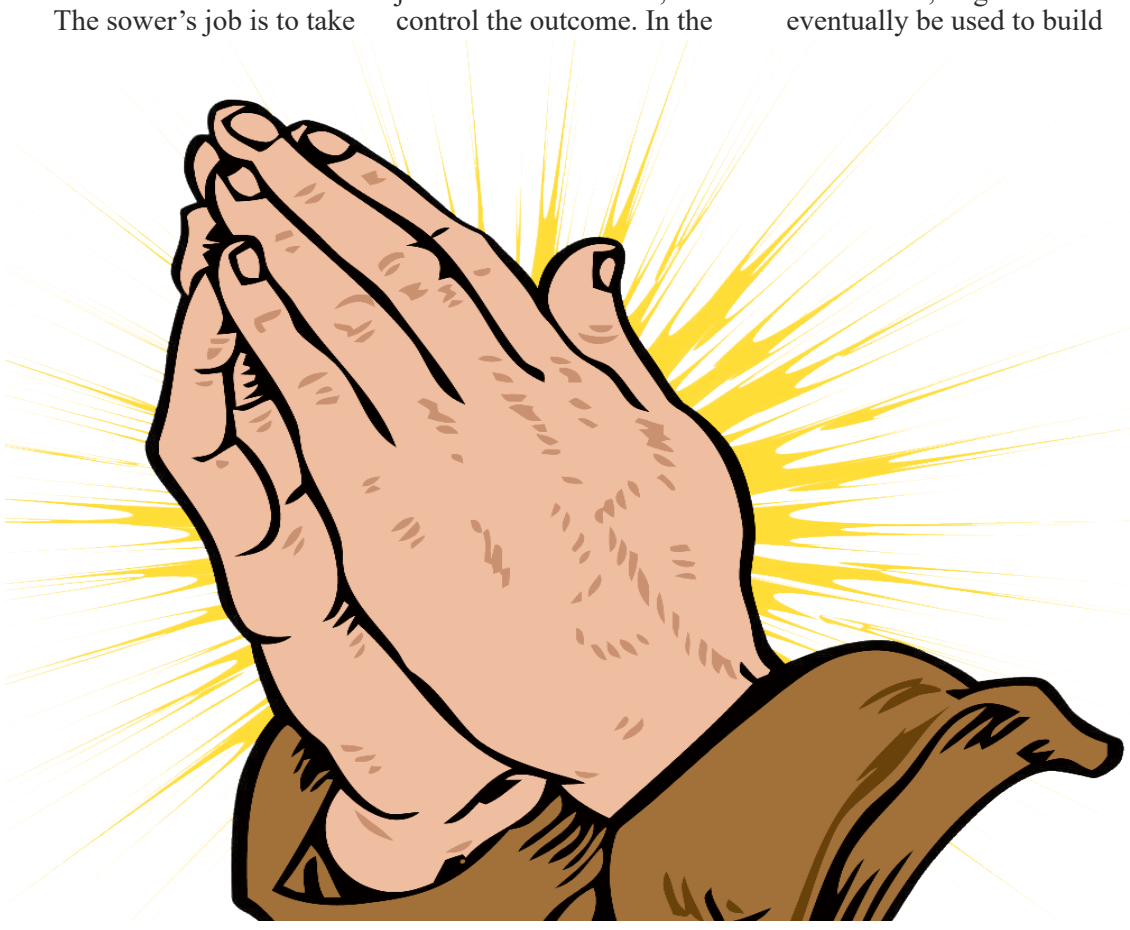
We are all very familiar with Jesus' Parable of the Sower. A farmer goes out to his field to do the spring planting, and many of the seeds land on good soil. Other seeds end up in the weeds, on hard and untilled soil, the rock pile the pathways, or somewhere else.

Today, on farms and even in our gardens, our method of planting seeds is positively meticulous. We remove the weeds and rocks. We turn up the soil and break the clods, we use a tool to make perfectly straight rows of the right depth, carefully plant each seed, cover them, and water. The farmer in the parable used a different method - broadcasting handfuls of seeds in the field. That meant some of them drifted away from the right places.

We frequently heard this parable in church or Sunday school. More often than not, we either feel guilty, or a lot of guilt is imposed on us: Do not be the bad soil!

Perhaps there is something to that warning, but I think there is much more to be learned if we take the focus off ourselves and other people, and focus on the sower, that is, the Lord God. Because this parable emphasizes a spiritual lesson, there is much to discover and apply. We begin by accepting the fact that God is the sower; we are the field.

The sower's job is to take the seeds, often carried in an over the shoulder cloth pouch, go to the field, and toss them toward the soil. A good farmer would be conscientious about their work, but again, his job is to sow the seeds, not control the outcome. In the parable, as in 'real life' many things are outside the sower's control. They go to work and do their job.



Besides, rocks in the soil can be picked up and tossed aside; larger ones can eventually be used to build walls. When that happens, seeds can grow. Hard, compacted soil can be broken up and harrowed. Seeds can grow. Weeds can be pulled, and all of us know that it is a ceaseless job. When they are removed, good things happen. That means the focus is on the sower.

Fortunately for all of us, God continues to ceaselessly sow his seeds. You and I might plant our garden in due season, usually the spring. God does it daily, at all hours, year in and year out. We are more than fortunate; we are blessed because of God's patience, waiting until our hardness of heart or distraction of many other things finally comes to an end and we are ready to receive and embrace his word.

In turn, we continue to pray for others, that they will be open and ready to receive God's love and instruction. We pray for ourselves so that we do not let the misadventures of the world embitter us, or we succumb to the seductions of wickedness.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
814 21st St., Otsego
269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

Blessed Sacrament Church
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

Bloomingdale Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave., Allegan
www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

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1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

Ganges Baptist Church
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269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

Grace Church of Hamilton
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
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Pastor Margaret Stoken
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269-385-4378 ·
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Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
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223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

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532 M 89, Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

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805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
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2281 57th St, Fennville
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Plainwell Church of Christ
911 James St.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

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Pastor George Osborn

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200 Park St. Plainwell
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Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

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201 Briggs St., Allegan
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269-672-9904
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229 Cutler Street, Allegan
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Pastor Kelsey French
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269-664-4345
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716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
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269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

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502 West Superior, Wayland
(616) 877-6134
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